

2012 Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League Game Notes Friday, August 3, 2012 "PGCBL Playoffs, Version 2.0" Volume 2, No. 56

PGCBL PLAYOFFS, OPENING ROUND

1. Amsterdam (35-12) vs. 4. Mohawk Valley (25-21) Game 1: Mohawk Valley at Amsterdam, 7:05 p.m. (Aug. 3) Game 2: Amsterdam at Mohawk Valley, 7:05 p.m. (Aug. 4) Game 3: Mohawk Valley at Amsterdam (if nec.), 7:05 p.m. (Aug. 5)

Season Series - Amsterdam 10-2

The Mohawks and DiamondDawgs played 12 times during the regular season; each was the others' most-played opponent. Five of the 12 games were decided by two runs or less and two of Amsterdam's wins came on walk-off hits by Zak Colby (Faulkner). Mohawk Valley earned two of six wins by visiting teams at Shuttleworth Park. An 11-7 triumph over the Mohawks kicked off a league-record 11-game winning streak for the DiamondDawgs; however the same winning streak also came to an end in the Rug City. Amsterdam controlled the overall season series with a pair of five-game winning streaks.

6/9 - AM 8 MV 4 (at AM)
6/19 AM 8 MV 4 (at MV)
6/26 AM 9 MV 4 (at MV)
6/28 AM 2 MV 1 (at AM)
7/1 AM 12 MV 4 (at MV)
7/5 MV 11 AM 7 (at AM)

7/17 AM 4 MV 3 (10) (at AM) 7/19 AM 8 MV 0 (at MV) 7/22 AM 6 MV 5 (at AM) 7/25 AM 6 MV 5 (at AW) 7/29 AM 5 MV 3 (at MV) 7/31 MV 10 AM 5 (at AM)

All-Time Series

For the third time in the last five years, the two rivals situated along the Mohawk River will meet in a postseason series. Amsterdam and Mohawk Valley tangled in the opening round of the playoffs (NYCBL) in 2008 and 2009 with the Mohawks earning back-to-back wins in each year to sweep the series. In 2007, Amsterdam and Mohawk Valley (then Little Falls) finished in a dead heat for the final playoff spot in their division; Mohawk Valley earned the slot based on a head-to-head tiebreaker. The two teams were also involved that year in one of the longest games in the history of both franchises, a 19-inning thriller at Vet's Park that ended on a walk-off grand slam. The Mohawks have won 11 games in a row in Little Falls and have not lost at Veterans Memorial Park since June 26, 2010.

Players to Watch

Amsterdam

Zak Colby IF/C - .375 BA, 1 HR, 25 RBI, 57 H, 19 DBL, 31 R, 24 BB, .456 OBP Ed Charlton OF - .353 BA, 7 HR, 30 RBI, 49 H, 31 R, 9 SB, .590 SLG D.J. Hoagboon OF/C - .317 BA, 16 RBI, 33 H, 14 R, 7 DBL, 13 BB, 5 SB Giuseppe Papaccio IF - .264 BA, 20 RBI, 32 H, 26 R, 11 DBL, 24 BB, 7 SB Chandler Shepherd SP - 7-0, 1.31 ERA, 55.0 IP, 50 K, 12 BB, .154 OBA Rocky McCord SP - 4-0, 1.71 ERA, 47.1 IP, 50 K, 16 BB, .180 OBA Mark Leiter Jr. SP - 3-0, 1.55 ERA, 32 K, 29.0 IP, .160 OBA Chase Williamson RP - 3-1, 3.86 ERA, 8 SV, 20 APP, 38 K, 5 BB, 35.0 IP

Mohawk Valley

Chris Cruz OF - .319 BA, 8 HR, 40 RBI, 51 H, 38 R, 10 DBL, 26 BB, 6 SF, 13 SB Mark Stuckey OF - .308 BA, 26 RBI, 20 DBL, 44 H, 31 R, 16 BB, 13 SB Tyler Heck IF - .306 BA, 1 HR, 25 RBI, 28 SB, 52 H, 47 R, 6 DBl, 4 TRP, .396 OBP Jack Morrow IF - .305 BA, 8 HR, 39 RBI, 33 R, 12 DBL, 23 BB Aaron Casper RP - 3-2, 2.05 ERA, 19 APP, 30.2 IP, 29 K, 18 BB Raymond Morton RP - 3-1, 2.70 ERA, 2 SV, 17 APP, 33.1 IP, 26 K, .175 OBA Taylor Wright RP - 3-0, 3.15 ERA, 1 SV, 23 APP, 43 K, 40.0 IP Cameron Sorgie SP 1-2, 3.73 ERA, 46 K, 41.0 IP, .207 OBA Written by John McGraw Director, PGCBL Media Relations Contact: PGCBLpr@gmail.com Web: http://www.pgcbl.com Twitter: @PGCBLbaseball

2012 PGCBL Standings (FINAL)							
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB			
Amsterdam xy	35	12	.745				
Glens Falls x	27	20	.574	8.0			
Newark x	26	20	.565	8.5			
Mohawk Valley x	25	21	.543	9.5			
Oneonta	25	22	.532	10.0			
Albany	22	24	.478	12.5			
Watertown	18	27	.400	16.0			
Elmira	17	29	.370	17.5			
Cooperstown	12	32	.273	21.5			

LAST NIGHT'S SCORES No games scheduled

TONIGHT, PITCHING PROBABLES Newark at Glens Falls, 7:00 PM NEW: Daniel Thorpe 6-1, 3.20 ERA GF: Tayler Saucedo 4-3, 5.06 ERA Game 1

Mohawk Valley at Amsterdam, 7:05 PM MV: Cameron Sorgie 1-2, 3.73 ERA AM: Rocky McCord 4-0, 1.71 ERA Game 1





AMSTERDAM-MOHAWK VALLEY CONT.

Notes

The nationally-ranked Mohawks have spent the last three weeks in the top five of Perfect Game's Summer Top 30 poll. Amsterdam has been ranked in the top 25 in each poll released this summer...Amsterdam's 35-12 (.745) regular season was the best in franchise history; the Mohawks need just two more wins to set a new franchise record for overall wins in a season...The Mohawks are making their 18th playoff appearance and fifth in a row. Amsterdam has not missed the postseason since 2007 and the Mohawks have made the playoffs in every year but once since they moved to Amsterdam in 2003. The Mohawks have also been in the playoffs 11 of the last 12 seasons...Mohawk Valley is making its' fifth all-time playoff appearance. The Dawgs went to the playoffs four years in a row between 2006 and 2009. However, Mohawk Valley has not advanced out of the opening round since a 2-0 sweep of Watertown in 2006 as the Little Falls Diamond Miners. The team then fell in the league semifinals to the eventual champion Saratoga Phillies (now Oneonta Outlaws)...Mohawk Valley has never played for a league title; Amsterdam has won five (1988, 2003, 2004, 2009, 2010)...Both Amsterdam and Mohawk Valley set franchise records for wins this season; Mohawk Valley's 25 wins are the most by the team since the LF DiamondMiners won 24 in a 40-game regular season in 2006. The 25-21 mark from the Dawgs is the also the first winning record by the team since 2006...Amsterdam skipper Keith Griffin is the winningest manager in the history of the Mohawks' franchise. Griffin's teams have compiled three 30-win seasons, three regular season titles, four playoff appearances and three trips to the league finals...Mohawk Valley's Roberto Vaz is in his first summer collegiate head coaching assignment. He was an All-American at the University of Alabama and went on to play professionally in the Oakland A's farm system...Vaz already has one championship this year; he was part of the staff at NJCAA Division II national champ LSU Eunice...Amsterdam and Mohawk Valley finished 1-2 in the league in team ERA (3.34/3.64) and strikeouts (420/389)...Offensively, the Mohawks were second in the league in batting average (.291) and the Dawgs were fourth (.271)...Mohawk Valley clobbered 140 extra-base hits during the regular season; MV led the league in triples (20) and home runs (31)...Mohawk Valley's Eric Helmrich (Marist), Jack Morrow (Young Harris) and Chris Cruz (Cornell) tied for the league lead with eight home runs apiece...Amsterdam's Chandler Shepherd (Kentucky) topped the league in OBA (.154) and tied for first in the league in wins (seven) and ERA (1.31)...Amsterdam's projected rotation includes three PGCBL All-Star Game participants.

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Season Series - Glens Falls 3-1

The Golden Eagles and Pilots met just four times during the regular season and three of those games came down to the wire. The opening game of the season series saw the Eagles score twice in the final two innings; Emmanuel Forcier (New Mexico JC) hit a game-winning home run in the ninth. The Green and Gold then scored five unanswered runs to respond to a four-run frame from Newark to take a game at East Field on June 28. Newark's lone victory saw the Pilots plate two scores in the seventh to halt the Eagles' bid for a season series sweep.

6/17 - GF 3 NEW 2 (at NEW) 6/19 - GF 12 NEW 2 (at GF) 6/28 - GF 5 NEW 4 (at GF)

7/15 - NEW 6 GF 4 (at NEW)

All-Time Series

As compared to the all-time series between Amsterdam and Mohawk Valley, the alltime series between the Golden Eagles and the Pilots is brief, but exciting. In total, Newark and Glens Falls have played 10 times and those 10 games have been split right down the middle with five victories for each team. Seven of the 10 overall contests between Chris Ebright's Pilots and John Mayotte's Golden Eagles have been decided by two runs or less and six of those seven were one-run games. Newark is 3-2 all-time at East Field while Glens Falls is 2-3 at Colburn Park.

ATTENDANCE REPORT							
	Avg.	Total	Last	High			
ALB	306	7352	383	436			
AM	1412	33893	1130	3251			
COOP	463	10660	1207	1207			
ELM	3021	66478	4827	4827			
GF	765	17613	908	3051			
MV	755	16608	1037	2143			
NEW	1073	24679	1429	2018			
ONE	1516	36392	3210	4412			
WAT	508	11186	926	1327			

2012 PGCBL Quick Facts

Founded: 2010 First Season: 2011

President: Jeff Kunion **Executive Committee**: Brian Spagnola, David Dittman, Darin Williams and Bob Ohmann

Regular Season: June 6 - August 1 Regular Season Games: 48 All-Star Game: July 24 Location: Shuttleworth Park; Amsterdam **Division Format** All nine teams play in one nine-team division. PGCBL teams in 2012 include the Albany Dutchmen, Amsterdam Mohawks, Cooperstown Hawkeyes, Elmira Pioneers, Glens Falls Golden Eagles, Mohawk Valley DiamondDawgs, Newark Pilots, Oneonta Outlaws and Watertown Wizards. Eligibility Requirements: Player must have remaining collegiate eligibility to participate. Roster Limit: 30 players

Playoffs: August 3 - August 9 Playoff Teams: Four, the top four teams in the standings at the end of the regular season qualify for the playoffs. Format: Two rounds, each contested in a best-of-three series. The playoff semifinals will run from August 3 through August 5 and those will be followed by the PGCBL Championship Series which will take place from August 7 through August 9. In the divisional playoffs, the higher seed will host the first and third game (if necessary) of the series and the lower seed will host the second game. The same format will be used in the finals with the higher-seeded team hosting the first and third game (if necessary and the lower-seeded team hosting the second game.

NEWARK-GLENS FALLS CONT...

Players to Watch

Glens Falls

Casey Rodrigue IF - .347 BA, 18 RBI, 42 H, 27 R, 7 DBL, 6 TRP, 10 SB Alberto Morales IF - .321 BA, 2 HR, 31 RBI, 52 H, 36 R, 14 DBL, 29 BB, 10 HBP Mike Vigliarolo IF - .316 BA, 3 HR, 37 RBI, 60 H, 30 R, 13 DBL, 13 BB, 6 SB Danny Brennan OF - .310 BA, 2 HR, 28 RBI, 58 H, 38 R, 11 DBL, 11 SB, 5 SH Chase Griffin C/DH - .304 BA, 4 HR, 34 RBI, 55 H, 36 R, 11 DBL, 24 BB Tayler Saucedo SP - 4-3, 5.06 ERA, 9 APP, 7 GS, 45 K, 42.2 IP Ryan Skoubo RP - 2-2, 2.76 ERA, 3 SV, 11 APP, 16.1 IP, 11 K, .231 OBA Cory Folk SP - 3-0, 4.67 ERA, 13 APP, 6 GS, 44.1 IP, 38 K

Newark

Josh Perez IF - .356 BA, 19 RBI, 53 H, 36 R, 5 DBL, 11 SB, 7 SH, .391 OBP Josh Crowdus IF - .333 BA, 16 RBI, 53 H, 35 R, 6 DBL, 20 BB, 12 SH, 9 SB, .417 OBP Joe Landi IF - .329 BA, 2 HR, 35 RBI, 51 H, 42 R, 7 DBL, 22 SB, 31 SB Ben Bostick OF/IF - .294 BA, 14 RBI, 47 H, 37 R, 5 DBL, 4 TRP, 35 BB, .438 OBP, 10 SB Brent Langston IF - .286 BA, 3 HR, 42 RBI, 50 H, 31 R, 17 DBL, .446 SLG, 25 BB Daniel Thorpe SP - 6-1, 3.20 ERA, 2 CG, 51 K, 56.1 IP, .232 OBA Derek Dallas SP/RP - 2-2, 2.93 ERA, 12 APP, 7 GS, 46.0 IP, 33 K, 15 BB Cullen Babin SP/RP - 3-1, 3.02 ERA, 2 SV, 34 K, 11 BB, 41.2 IP

Notes

Both Newark and Glens Falls made the PGCBL playoffs last year; Newark won the league championship beating both Cooperstown and Amsterdam while Glens Falls was upset by Amsterdam in the divisional round...Both teams have also been successful when it comes to making the playoffs; the Pilots have made the playoffs in both of their years of existence while the Eagles have made the postseason in seven of nine years overall. The Eagles are making their sixth-straight trip to the playoffs; Glens Falls has not missed the postseason since 2006...Glens Falls head coach John Mayotte is the only coach in team history; he was won over 200 games with the Golden Eagles and over 1300 in his career as a head coach at various levels. In Glens Falls, he has also sent over 50 former players on to professional baseball...Newark skipper Chris Ebright has spent two years as the head coach of the Pilots. Prior to that, he guided the NYCBL's Hornell Dodgers. Ebright's teams have been to two league championship rounds and have won one title...Newark tied a team record for wins this season with 26...It should be noted that in three playoff series over the last two seasons, Newark has not had home-field advantage...Glens Falls has played for the league title twice; 2007 and 2008...Golden Eagle second baseman Ross Kivett (Kansas State) won the PGCBL batting championship with a .401 batting average however he is no longer with the team due to a pre-planned trip to the Summer Olympics...Casey Rodrigue (LSU Eunice), who played for Mohawk Valley's Roberto Vaz during the college season, led the league with six triples while teammate Kivett topped the loop in four different categories...Four different Golden Eagles won league Player or Pitcher of the Week awards this season while two Pilots took home weekly accolades...Newark's Brent Langston (Delta State) paced the PGCBL in RBI (42) while Pilot backstop Cash Barker (TAMU Kingsville) set a league record with 38 walks. Newark starter Daniel Thorpe (Saint Joseph's, Pa.) led all league hurlers with 56.1 innings pitched. He also threw just one of two nine-inning complete games; a 12-strikeout performance in his final regular season start...As a team, the Eagles were first in the league with a .294 team batting average though fifth in team earned run average (4.60). Newark finished third (.281) in batting average and fourth in team ERA (4.20)...Six Golden Eagles hit .300 or higher this summer and nine had at least one home run...Four Pilots surpassed the .300 plateau in batting average and six hit at least .280 or higher...The Pilots were the only league team with fewer than 10 home runs; as a squad Newark hit seven and those were accounted for by Brent Langston, Joe Landi (Rhode Island) and Sean Osterman (St. John Fisher)...The biggest number on the stat sheet for Newark is 46; the number of sacrifice hits tabulated by the Pilots. Josh Crowdus (Delta State) set a league record with 12 and 14 players had at least one sacrifice hit. No other team had more than 28. Newark also was first in the league with 229 walks, an average of almost five per game.

2012 PGCBL PLAYER OF THE WEEK Week 1: Joe Landi, Newark Week 2: Ross Kivett, Glens Falls Week 2: Logan Brown, Oneonta Week 3: Ed Charlton, Amsterdam Week 3: Evan Stephens, Amsterdam Week 4: Donald Walter, Watertown Week 4: Zak Colby, Amsterdam Week 5: Chris Cruz, Mohawk Valley Week 6: Ross Kivett, Glens Falls Week 7: Danny Brennan, Glens Falls

2012 PGCBL PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Week 1: Rene Solis, Watertown Week 2: Chandler Shepherd, Amsterdam Week 2: Brandon Magallones, Glens Falls Week 3: Joe Michaud, Mohawk Valley Week 3: Dylan Waugh, Elmira Week 4: David Stagg, Albany Week 4: Tayler Saucedo, Glens Falls Week 5: Jesse Buratt, Mohawk Valley Week 6: Chandler Shepherd, Amsterdam Week 6: Rene Solis, Watertown Week 7: Daniel Thorpe, Newark

2012 PGCBL STATISTICAL CHAMPIONS

Batting Average: Ross Kivett, Glens Falls .401** Slugging %: Ed Charlton, Amsterdam .590 OBP: Ross Kivett, Glens Falls .497** Hits: Ross Kivett, Glens Falls 61 Runs Scored: Tyler Heck, Mohawk Valley 47** Runs Batted In: Brent Langston, Newark 42 Doubles: Mark Stuckey, Mohawk Valley 20** Triples: Casey Rodrigue, Glens Falls 6** Home Runs: Eric Helmrich, Mohawk Valley - 8 Jack Morrow, Mohawk Valley - 8

Chris Cruz, Mohawk Valley - 8

Total Bases - Jack Morrow, Mohawk Valley - 95 Stolen Bases - Ross Kivett, Glens Falls - 37** Walks - Cash Barker, Newark - 37**

Wins - Chandler Shepherd, Amsterdam - 7** Sheldon Lee, Oneonta - 7**

ERA - Chandler Shepherd, Amsterdam - 1.31**
Rene Solis, Watertown - 1.31**
OBA - Chandler Shepherd, Amsterdam - .154**

Strikeouts - David Stagg, Albany - 61 Saves - Chase Williamson, Amsterdam - 8 Trevor Lacosse, Albany - 8

Appearances - Taylor Wright, MV - 23** Innings Pitched - Daniel Thorpe, Newark - 56.1 Putouts - Brent Langston, Newark - 362 Assists - Steven Patterson, Elmira - 145**

** - New League Record