

2012 Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League Game Notes Wednesday, July 25, 2012 "Happy Holidays, in July!" Volume 2, No. 48 Written by John McGraw Director, PGCBL Media Relations Contact: PGCBLpr@gmail.com Web: http://www.pgcbl.com Twitter: @PGCBLbaseball

2012 PGCBL ALL-STAR GAME TEAM GRIFFIN 4 TEAM EBRIGHT 0

AMSTERDAM, N.Y. - All-Star Game Most Valuable Player Giuseppe Papaccio (Seton Hall) launched a third-inning home run and nine pitchers combined on a three-hit shutout to lead Team Griffin to a 4-0 victory over Team Ebright in the 2012 Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League All-Star Game at Shutteworth Park.

The second-annual PGCBL All-Star Game pitted Team Griffin, led by Amsterdam Mohawks head coach Keith Griffin, against Team Ebright, a squad skippered by Newark Pilots head coach Chris Ebright.

Papaccio, a member of the Amsterdam Mohawks playing in front of his home crowd, broke a scoreless tie in the bottom of the third inning. In his first at-bat, which came against Chris Rogers (Oklahoma Baptist) of the Newark Pilots, Papaccio belted a high-arching blast over Shuttleworth Park's "Chain Monster" in left field to give Team Griffin a 1-0 lead.

Papaccio added a single up the middle in the fifth inning. He played the entire game for Team Griffin and finished 2-for-4. Papaccio spent most of the night at shortstop and he switched to second base in the ninth inning.

The solo home run by Papaccio was the only offense that Team Griffin would need. Nine pitchers, throwing one inning apiece, combined on a three-hit shutout, the first shutout in PGCBL All-Star Game history. Chandler Shepherd (Kentucky) of the Amsterdam Mohawks, the league's leader in ERA and co-leader in victories, started for Team Griffin. Shepherd faced four batters, induced three ground outs and allowed just a two-out double to Elmira's Steven Patterson (San Joaquin Delta).

Mark Leiter (NJIT) of Amsterdam and Oneonta's Sheldon Lee (U. San Francisco) followed Shepherd. Each yielded one hit but did not allow a run to score. The duo combined to strand five Team Ebright runners on base. Lee was also the lone pitcher to pick a runner off of first base. Watertown's Bryan Chudy (Clarkson) was the first Team Griffin hurler to retire the side in order.

Amsterdam's Rocky McCord (Auburn), Cooperstown's Raleigh Rushing (Cypress), Jared Cheek (Ga. Southern) of Glens Falls, Oneonta's Jeremy Rhoades (Illinois State) and Albany's Trevor Lacosse (Bryant) each threw one hitless inning of relief. Both Rushing and Rhoades struck out two and Lacosse, who has not allowed an earned run all summer, pitched a perfect ninth for the save.

Team Griffin added to its' lead in the sixth inning against Kole Mickolio (Utah Valley) of Watertown. Amsterdam's Demarcus Henderson (Mississippi State) drew a one-out walk and stole second. Mohawks' teammate Josh Nethaway (UAlbany) pushed Henderson to third with a base hit into left field. The next batter, Cooperstown's Quinn Pippin (Tulane), brought home Henderson from third with a chopper up the middle. It was mis-handled and allowed Pippin to reach base safely.

The final runs for Team Griffin crossed the plate in the bottom of the ninth inning. The final half-frame was played, even with the home team ahead, so that all the scheduled pitchers for the game could throw at least one inning. Mike Vigliarolo (Saint Louis) of Glens Falls worked a one-out walk against Newark's Mark Scott (San

2012 PGCBL Standings							
Team	W	<u>L</u>	Pct.	<u>GB</u>			
Amsterdam xy	30	10	.750				
Mohawk Valley	22	18	.550	8.0			
Glens Falls	22	18	.550	8.0			
Newark	22	19	.537	8.5			
Oneonta	21	20	.512	9.5			
Albany	19	20	.487	10.5			
Watertown	17	24	.415	13.5			
Elmira	16	24	.400	14.0			
Cooperstown	11	26	.289	18.0			

LAST NIGHT'S SCORES Team Griffin 4 Team Ebright 0 2012 PGCBL All-Star Game

TONIGHT, PITCHING PROBABLES Glens Falls at Cooperstown, 5:00 PM GF: Wes Judish 1-2, 3.76 ERA COOP: Raleigh Rushing 2-2, 6.12 ERA

Oneonta at Albany, 7:00 PM ONE: Brett Lisle 2-3, 3.46 ERA ALB: Matt Snyder 2-2, 3.52 ERA

Amsterdam at Mohawk Valley, 7:05 PM AM: Chris Kalica 0-0, 0.00 ERA MV: Jesse Buratt 2-1, 4.64 ERA

Elmira at Newark, 7:05 PM ELM: John Melville 1-4, 5.02 ERA NEW: Derek Dallas 2-2, 2.43 ERA





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Joaquin Delta). Two batters later, Brandon Cipolla of Watertown smacked a high line drive over the "Chain Monster" in left field for a two-run home run.

For Team Griffin, Brandon Cipolla and Giuseppe Papaccio each hit a home run and ended the night with two hits. Neither man participated in the Home Run Derby prior to the All-Star Game. Oneonta's Shane Crain (Louisville) and Mohawk Valley's Tyler Heck (Union, N.Y.) each had one hit.

Steven Patterson of the Elmira Pioneers tallied two of three hits recorded by Team Ebright. Patterson blooped a doubel into left field in the first inning that appeared to be lost in the sun by Watertown's Brandon Cipolla (Holy Cross). Patterson singled to right field in his second at-bat. Chase Griffin (Georgia Southern) added an infield single up the middle in the second inning.

Oneonta's David Sosebee (Georgia) started for Team Ebright. He yielded a pair of base hits but struck out the side. Sosebee was the lone pitcher to record three strikeouts in the game. Watertown's Jonathan Perez (St. Mary's, Texas), Mohawk Valley's Aaron Casper (Canisius) and James Yacabonis (Saint Joseph's, Pa.) each tossed one scoreless inning of relief.

Daniel Thorpe (Saint Joseph's, Pa.) was the only pitcher for either team to work two innings. Thorpe struck out two and allowed just one hit, a two-out single in the fifth to Amsterdam's Giuseppe Papaccio.

Team Ebright threatened to score on several occasions. In the second inning, Alberto Morales (Clarendon) of Glens Falls worked a one-out walk and advanced to second on a wild pitch from Amsterdam's Mark Leiter Jr. (NJIT). The next batter, Chase Griffin of the Golden Eagles, cued a single up the middle that was knocked down behind second base by shortstop Giuseppe Papaccio. With runners on the corners in a scoreless game, Mark Leiter, the PGCBL all-time strikeout leader, fanned two batters in a row to end the inning.

The most exciting play of the night came in the third with Oneonta's Sheldon Lee on the mound. Team Ebright used a Steven Patterson base hit and a pair of walks issued by Lee to load the bases with two outs. Ross Kivett (Kansas State), who earned a oneout walk earlier in the inning, attempted to steal home with Glens Falls teammate Alberto Morales batting. Sheldon Lee's throw home was snared by catcher Zak Colby (Faulkner) who applied a tag to a sliding Kivett for the third and final out of the frame.

Prior to the All-Star Game, the PGCBL Home Run Derby was won by Cooperstown's Tyler Mautner (Buffalo). Mautner defeated Albany's Morgan Phillips (Charleston), 5-4, in the final round. The five semifinalists included Phillips, Mautner, Elmira's Steven Patterson, Amsterdam's Josh Nethaway and Mohawk Valley's Chris Cruz (Cornell). Cruz, the Week 5 PGCBL Player of the Week, had the best round of the Home Run Derby. He hammered six home runs in the first round and that included five in a row over the right field fence.

ATTENDANCE REPORT							
	Avg.	Total	Last	High			
ALB	293	5560	252	436			
AM	1377	27546	1086	3251			
COOP	385	7323	513	739			
ELM	2936	61651	3292	4182			
GF	786	14932	630	3051			
MV	725	14495	719	2143			
NEW	979	18603	725	2018			
ONE	1450	31905	2210	4412			
WAT	495	9906	294	1327			

2012 PGCBL Quick Facts

Founded: 2010 First Season: 2011

President: Jeff Kunion

Executive Committee: Brian Spagnola, David Dittman, Darin Williams and Bob

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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.