



2012 Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League

Game Notes

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

“Opening Night 2012”

Volume 2, No. 1

Written by John McGraw
Director, PGCBL Media Relations
Contact: PGCBLpr@gmail.com
Web: <http://www.pgcbi.com>
Twitter: @PGCBLbaseball

Play Ball!

The Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League, founded in the fall of 2010, begins its second season tonight with four games across upstate New York. The last time a PGCBL pitch was thrown, the Newark Pilots clinched the inaugural league championship. Newark won the best-of-three PGCBL Championship Series from Amsterdam, two games to one, and the title was clinched with a doubleheader sweep in games two and three. The defending champion Pilots begin defense of their crown tonight in the North Country against the Watertown Wizards, a team under new ownership for the first time in over 10 years. The first pitch of the season will be thrown in the “Birthplace of Baseball” as the Cooperstown Hawkeyes host the Amsterdam Mohawks at Doubleday Field. The game is slated for a 5:00 p.m. first pitch. Two games will take place in the Capital District with the defending PGCBL East champion Glens Falls Golden Eagles hosting the Mohawk Valley DiamondDawgs and the Albany Dutchmen entertaining the Elmira Pioneers.

Eleven Players Taken on Day 2 of MLB Draft

While the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League is entering its second season, eight of nine member organizations have been playing baseball for some time. Eleven players with ties to teams in the PGCBL were selected on Tuesday in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft between rounds two and 15. The draft concludes today with the final 24 rounds (16-40). Of the 11 players chosen yesterday, four played in the PGCBL last summer. Dylan Baker, a former Glens Falls Golden Eagle, was the top rated JUCO prospect in the draft according to Perfect Game USA. Tom Murphy, a third-round pick, became the highest-selected former Oneonta Outlaw while Cincinnati 15th-round selection Ben Klimesh was the first former Albany Dutchmen to be taken in the draft. Six of nine PGCBL teams were represented in the draft yesterday. Last year, only five players from PGCBL squads were tapped in the first 15 rounds of the draft.

- Rd. 3, 105 – Tom Murphy (Oneonta 2010), Colorado
- Rd. 5, 173 – Dylan Baker (Glens Falls 2011), Cleveland
- Rd. 6, 205 – Eric Phillips (Glens Falls 2009), Toronto
- Rd. 8, 272 – Luke Maile (Amsterdam 2010-2011), Tampa Bay
- Rd. 9, 282 – Brady Wager (Oneonta 2011), Baltimore
- Rd. 12, 384 – Carlos Lopez (Elmira 2010), Wake Forest
- Rd. 14, 429 – Joe Sclafani (Amsterdam 2009), Houston
- Rd. 14, 433 – Parker Morin (Amsterdam 2011), Kansas City
- Rd. 14, 453 – Derrick Stultz (Oneonta 2010), Arizona
- Rd. 15, 472 – Ben Klimesh (Albany 2009), Cincinnati
- Rd. 15, 482 – Willie Gabay (Mohawk Valley 2011), Tampa Bay

Other Drafted Players

Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League rosters for 2012 feature 13 previously drafted players. Eight of the 13 draftees were tapped by Major League clubs last June with the highest choice being Albany’s Morgan Phillips, a 17th-round pick of the Cincinnati Reds out of Frederick Douglass Academy in New York City.

- Albany – Morgan Phillips (Charleston), Rd. 17, 535, Cincinnati 2011
- Amsterdam – Rocky McCord (Auburn), Rd. 39, 1198, Minnesota 2011
- Amsterdam – Taylor Martin (Kentucky), Rd. 41, 1248, Colorado 2011
- Amsterdam – Chandler Shepherd (Kentucky), Rd. 41, 1215, Chicago AL 2011
- Amsterdam – Demarcus Henderson (Miss. State), Rd. 43, 1249, Houston 2010
- Mohawk Valley – John Means (Fort Scott CC), Rd. 46, 1406, Atlanta 2011
- Mohawk Valley – Fabian Roman (Northwestern St.) Rd. 36, 1082, Kansas City 2009
- Mohawk Valley – Joe Carcone (Bryant), Rd. 47, 1413, Houston 2010
- Oneonta – Donovan Gonzales (UC Riverside), Rd. 43, 1289, Florida 2009
- Oneonta – Sutton Whiting (Louisville), Rd. 44, 1346, Atlanta 2011
- Oneonta – David Sosebee (Georgia), Rd. 48, 1462, Boston 2011
- Oneonta – Heath Holder (Georgia), Rd. 50, 1518, Colorado 2011
- Oneonta – Ben Mordini (Utah), Rd. 41, 1250, Colorado 2010

2012 PGCBL Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Albany	0	0	.000	-
Amsterdam	0	0	.000	-
Cooperstown	0	0	.000	-
Elmira	0	0	.000	-
Glens Falls	0	0	.000	-
Mohawk Valley	0	0	.000	-
Newark	0	0	.000	-
Oneonta	0	0	.000	-
Watertown	0	0	.000	-

LAST NIGHT’S SCORES

No games scheduled

TONIGHT, PITCHING PROBABLES

Amsterdam at Cooperstown, 5:00 PM

AM: Rocky McCord 0-0, 0.00 ERA

COOP: Denis Buckley 0-0, 0.00 ERA

Mohawk Valley at Glens Falls, 7:00 PM

MV: John Means 0-0, 0.00 ERA

GF: Tony Urban 0-0, 0.00 ERA

Newark at Watertown, 7:00 PM

NEW: Skylar Hoke 0-0, 0.00 ERA

WAT: Rene Solis 0-0, 0.00 ERA

Elmira at Albany, 7:05 p.m.

ELM: Brandon Allen 0-0, 0.00 ERA

ALB: Austin Chase 0-0, 0.00 ERA



TEAMLINE

LIVE PLAY-BY-PLAY & MORE

OPENING NIGHT NOTES

Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes, Changes

Returning fans to the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League will notice several changes from the circuit's inaugural season in 2011. The biggest change comes in division format. The PGCBL is now a nine-team circuit with the inclusion of the Oneonta Outlaws. The Outlaws play their home games at Damaschke Field in Oneonta, longtime home of the New York-Penn League's Oneonta Yankees. The Outlaws won the New York Collegiate Baseball League championship in 2011 and captured two NYCBL titles between 2004 and 2011. With the inclusion of Oneonta, the PGCBL has gone from two four-team divisions to a single nine-team division. The top four teams in the league will qualify for the playoffs.

Veteran Head Coaches in PGCBL Dugouts

Seven of nine PGCBL head coaches are returning to their teams from last season. The longest-tenured PGCBL skipper is Glens Falls manager John Mayotte. Coach Mayotte, who has won over 200 games with the Golden Eagles, is in his ninth season helming the Green and Gold. He is the only head coach in team history. Amsterdam head coach Keith Griffin is entering his fourth season with the Mohawks. He has won over 100 games and two league championships in Amsterdam. Elmira's Dan Shwam will be in his third year with the summer collegiate Pioneers. As an independent league manager, he won over 600 games and three league championships. Cooperstown skipper Eric Coleman was the 2011 PGCBL Coach of the Year. In his first season in Cooperstown, Coleman led the Hawkeyes to the 2011 PGCBL West division title. Newark skipper Chris Ebright guided his squad to a league title in its first year of existence. Like John Mayotte in Glens Falls, Chris Ebright, now in his second season, is the only coach in Newark history. Oneonta's Greg Zackrisson is entering his fourth season with the Outlaws. He is the winningest manager in team history. Albany's Nick Davey is in his third season as the head coach of the Dutchmen. In two previous years, Davey's teams have led the league in stolen bases. The two newest managers in their first season are Watertown's Nathan Kafka and Mohawk Valley's Roberto Vaz.

We Are The Champions...

While the NCAA Division I Super Regionals kick off this weekend, national championships have already been decided at other levels. This past weekend, Louisiana State University Eunice captured the NJCAA Division II national championship. Mohawk Valley head coach Roberto Vaz is an assistant at LSU Eunice and All-Tournament selection Casey Rodrigue will play for the Glens Falls Golden Eagles this summer. Former Golden Eagle Zac Hawkins (GF 2011) also plays for the Bengals. At the NCAA Division II level, West Chester captured the national crown. Joe Gunkel (Oneonta 2011) was named the Most Outstanding Player in the Division II World Series. He threw a complete game shutout in the championship game and finished the World Series with a 2-0 record and a 0.00 ERA. He gave up just six hits in 18 innings. Other Golden Rams affiliated with PGCBL teams include Justin Lambourn (Elmira 2010-2011), Matt Kirchner (Albany 2009) and Conor Kerins (Cooperstown 2011). The Marietta College Pioneers won the NCAA Division III championship. Leading the charge for the Pioneers was D3baseball.com All-American Aaron Hopper (Elmira 2011). Former Pioneer Michael Mahaffey (Elmira 2011) is a starting pitcher for the 'Etta Express and former Elmira assistant coach Cody Castle is the pitching coach at Marietta.

STAT THE DAY...

23 – The number of players from PGCBL teams chosen in the 2011 Major League Baseball draft.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

	Avg.	Total	Last	High
ALB	0	0	0	0
AM	0	0	0	0
COOP	0	0	0	0
ELM	0	0	0	0
GF	0	0	0	0
MV	0	0	0	0
NEW	0	0	0	0
ONE	0	0	0	0
WAT	0	0	0	0

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.