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The Chase for the Championship

by Gus T. Wrighton

The in-house portion of the baseball program drew to a close with the playoffs. All of the first rounds in the chase for the championships began on Saturday June 7th.

FIRST ROUNDS:

In the baseball rookie division the Cubs, Pirates, and Blue Jays were winners over the Marlins, Yankees, and Athletics, respectively, in single-elimination games.

In the baseball minor division, the Giants beat the Yankees, the Athletics overcame the Dodgers, the Mets vanquished the Tigers, while the Blue Jays surprised the Marlins.

The upset of the season occurred in the baseball majors division when the winless Red Sox were victorious against the Mets. The Major Dodgers won against the Major Marlins.

SECOND ROUNDS:

The Blue Jays defeated the Cubs and the Pirates outscored the Tigers in the rookie division.

Minor Athletics barely held on against the Mets, and the Giants escaped an upset against the Blue Jays.

The Cubs and the Athletics eliminated the Dodgers and Red Sox, respectively, in the majors division.

SEMI-FINALS:

In the Softball Minor division the Little Mets advanced to the championship in two games against the Marlins, and the Angels met them there after winning two games with the Giants.

In the Softball Majors division, the Padres emerged in close games against the Pirates, and the Lady Mets won against the Marlins.

The rookie Pirates continued their Cinderella run bypassing the Mets in two games, and the Blue Jays shocked the league by winning two elimination games against the previously undefeated Cardinals.

The minor Angels were victorious against the Athletics, and the Orioles defeated the Giants.

The major Athletics beat the Pirates, and the Angels were the last ones standing in three close games against the Cubs.

The junior Dodgers got past the Phillies in three games.

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

As the chase came down to the final stretch, the Softball Minor Angels, Softball Major Lady Mets, Baseball Rookie Blue Jays, Baseball Minor Orioles, Baseball Major Athletics, and Baseball Junior Tigers were the last teams standing to hoist the championship trophies.

Family Night with the Ducks

by Kail McLean

The Brentwood Youth Activities had its second annual Family Night With the Ducks on Wednesday, June 18, 2008. Michael Jahkhah teamed up with PC Richard to coordinate this event on behalf of the BYA Department of Baseball and Softball. This department presents this event annually for the enjoyment of all of the organization's activities: cheerleading, basketball, football, baseball, and softball. This night, the first 1500 fans that arrived received a free Ducks water bottle.

Every year each BYA sport has its annual events and this is the second biggest and one of the most popular. The first is the Trophy Presentations and Annual Awards for Baseball and Softball. The third is Dinner Dance in November and the fourth is the football Turkey Bowls against other towns.

Girls Softball Division Coordinator David Otero was the point of contact for this event and he coordinated the ticket sales and public relations. A remarkable 870 tickets were sold and it appeared that everyone enjoyed the festive atmosphere.

Coach Janet Cintron's Tee Ball Mets and Coach Nick Taormina's Baseball Rookie Tigers teams earned the opportunity to participate with the Ducks Dream Team prior to the game on the field by selling the most tickets.

Commissioner Muhammad Small and his three boys threw out the first pitch to Bud Harrelson. Mr. Harrelson is the current owner of the Long Island Ducks. He is also a former World Series champion with the '69 Amazin' Mets, multiple All-Star, Gold Glove shortstop, and former MLB manager.

The Duck players were extremely gracious by signing autographs for all the above-mentioned BYA players. They accommodated all by making sure everyone was attended to. After their pre-game drills and warm-ups the Ducks began the game with the Lancaster Barnstormers.

Carmelo Gonzalez, Baseball Rookie Division Coordinator, participated in one of the half-inning contests and was the recipient of a prize.

The game was temporarily interrupted due to a 20-minute rainfall. Since it was the sixth inning, many people left, but several remained until the showers stopped and the game resumed.

After the rain delay, Alex Otero and Jessalyn Vasquez participated in another half-inning contests to win more prizes. Before the night came to a close, Concession Stand Operator Ursula Rivera won a tee-shirt in another half-inning fan contest.

Several dignitaries of BYA were present for this event: Deputy Commissioner of Baseball and Softball Shani Iodice, former Football and Cheerleading Commissioner Will Crespo Jr., Board of Director member Alexis Rodgers, and former President Michael Jahkhah. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we look forward to this event again next year.

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2008 Champions of Baseball and Softball

BLUE JAYS

7-8 Baseball Rookie Division
 Zaib Guzman, *Championship Series MVP*
 David Otero, *Coach*
 Michael Jahkhah, *Asst. Coach*
 (won title series 2-1)

ANGELS

7-10 Softball Minor Division
 Kaitlin Gonzalez, *Championship Series MVP*
 Janette Zayas-Casas, *Coach*
 Carlos Carlos, *Asst. Coach*
 (won title series 2-0)

ORIOLES

9-10 Baseball Minor Division
 Robert Polly, *Championship Series MVP*
 Anthony Garcia, *Coach*
 Paul Maselli, *Asst. Coach*
 (won title series 2-1)

ATHLETICS

11-12 Baseball Major Division
 Keishan Pierce Jr, *Championship Series MVP*
 Keishan Pierce Sr, *Coach*
 Michael Jahkhah, *Asst. Coach*
 (won title series 2-0)

LADY METS

11-15 Softball Major Division
 Mayra Scanlon, *Championship Series MVP*
 Joseph Otero, *Coach*
 Colleen Rivers, *Asst. Coach*
 (won title series 2-1)

TIGERS

13-15 Baseball Junior Division
 Jose Pacheco, *Championship Series MVP*
 Noel Medina, *Coach*
 Rich Burgos, *Asst. Coach*
 (won title series 2-1)

MAJORS

Coaches Softball Tournament
 Michael Jahkhah, *Tournament MVP*
 (won title series 2-1)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: BYA CLUBHOUSE
 DATE AND TIME: JULY 7TH, 7 PM

BASEBALL / SOFTBALL ALL-STAR GAME AND TROPHY

PRESENTATION

PLACE: BYA COMPLEX
 DATE AND TIME: JULY 12TH, 8 AM – 9 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

FOOTBALL COMMISSIONER VACANT
 PLAYER AGENT VACANT
 PARLIAMENTARIAN VACANT