

Several league races are close as NFWB season nears finish

Chris Cooney, Dina Dinacci and Jeff Unruh each collected three hits as the Cardinals pounded the Pirates, 18-4, in NFWB National League T-Ball action last week. The Pirates' Tom Warburton socked two triples in the contest.

The Cardinals only lost this year came against the Giants.

Ken Sovel and Unruh each collected four hits to lead the Cardinals past the Phillies, 20-4. Ron Dimmer had three hits for the Phillies. The Dodgers edged the Giants, 11-10, as Paul Cook and Tommy Scanlon smacked key hits.

The Dodgers downed the Phillies in a game which was protested.

Matt Garver and Jason Wolf led the Dodgers over the Reds. Jim McCaffrey went three for three for the Reds.

The Giants defeated the Cardinals, 19-14. James Hill had three hits including a homer.

Brian Hamilton also went three for three with a triple.

For the Cardinals, Rick Broida hit two triples.

The Giants blasted the Cubs, 20-8, as Dave Colucci, Mike Gruber and Craig Barth contributed with fine fielding.

Bill Croft had four hits to pace the Reds over the Cubs, 23-5.

Brian Haack also had four hits for the Reds. Haack continued his torrid hitting with four hits against the Braves in a 19-1 Reds romp.

Croft and Chris Hart each smacked four hits for the Reds.

The Cubs gained their only victory of the week, edging the Phillies, 9-8.

The Phillies' Chris Bayer collected four hits and John Leo added three in a 24-11 losing effort against the Braves.

Darren Buatti had three hits and Keith Mahle delivered the game-winner as the Braves nipped the Pirates, 11-10.

IN NFWB MAJORS NATIONAL League action, Matt Reineke hurled a two-hitter to lead the Phillies over the Pirates, 11-4.

Also lending support in the triumph were Eric Kakhonen and Rich Muller with four and three hits respectively.

The Cubs drilled the Cardinals, 9-1, with Todd Williams tossing a two-hitter. Chuck Henrick ruined a triple for the Cubs.

Matt Shepard scored four runs and had three RBIs to propel the Dodgers past the Reds, 9-5.

Catcher Bill Stom connected for two hits while right fielder Dan Gimotty drew three walks. The Reds' Steve Orsini scored one run and had one hit.

Shepard ripped a double and triple as the Dodgers squeaked by the Pirates, 8-7.

Jon Sodaby hurled four scoreless innings for the Dodgers while getting two hits and knocking in the winning run.

The Pirates' David Hill and Jim Kalajian each socked two hits.

The Cubs routed the Phillies, 9-3, as Todd Williams drove in two runs. Catcher Mike Colovan went two for three for the Phillies.

Pitcher Orsini aided his own cause by rapping three hits as his Reds shot down the Cardinals, 7-5. Keith Weyner added two hits for the winners.

The Cubs ended the regular season undefeated by whipping the Dodgers, 8-5, as Williams pitched six strong innings.

Carl Orsini pitched a four-hitter to lead the Reds to a 12-3 victory over the Pirates. Catcher Brian Graffmiller had two hits for the winners.

Despite two hits by Steve Breidenstine, the Cardinals were trounced by the Phillies, 14-6.

THE HOTTEST TEAM OF LATE in the NFWB Federal Minors League has been the A's. They have piled up five consecutive victories and are currently tied with Expos with a 6-1 second-half record.

Behind the strong pitching of Chris Namoff and Donn St. Pierre, the Expos slaughtered the Mets, 18-1.

St. Pierre led the offensive attack with a homer.

triple and double to go along with seven RBIs.

Chris Weber and Morris Robinson each had two hits for the Expos.

Mike Skop picked up the Mets' lone hit, a double in the sixth inning, ruining the Expo shutout bid.

The Expos exploded for six runs in the third inning and went on to defeat the Brewers, 9-6.

Leading the winners' attack was Arthur McLeod. He singled in two runs.

The Brewers edged past the Padres 11-10 as Bob Kulas smashed a homer in the fourth inning for the winners.

With the score tied in the sixth, the Brewers' Todd Mavis knocked in the tie-breaking run.

The Brewers had a much easier time of it against the Astros, gaining a 15-1 triumph. The Astros broke their runless string in the sixth as Soheil Djariri doubled home a run.

In other league action, the Mets destroyed the Astros, 18-5, as Brian Wilson, Skop and Corey Morokovitz each had three hits.

Judd Hershiser allowed just one hit and struck out seven to power the Orioles by the Rangers, 8-7. Kevin Broughton hit 2 RBIs and three hits for the Rangers.

THE TIGERS looked

up sole possession of first place in the NFWB Minor American League by beating the Red Sox, 9-4.

Pitchers Todd Callahan, Scott Mackey and Ron Starrs combined for the victory.

The Royals took over sole possession of second place with a victory over the Indians, who fell to third place.

Paul Grant and Bryan McDanelo accomplished the pitching chores for the Royals while Steve Pigula turned in a stellar performance at first base.

The Royals solid second place finish earned them a spot in the world series, along with the first place Tigers, National League champion Phillies and Federal League champion Expos.

The White Sox moved into a tie for fourth place with an exciting 4-3 victory over the Yanks. The White Sox were paced by the clutch pitching of Tom Giroux and Jon Weisberg. Grant Greenberg, Paul Martin, Bryan Pollak and Scott Wetzel led the hitters.

The Twins moved out of a last place tie by defeating the last place, Angels 23-9.

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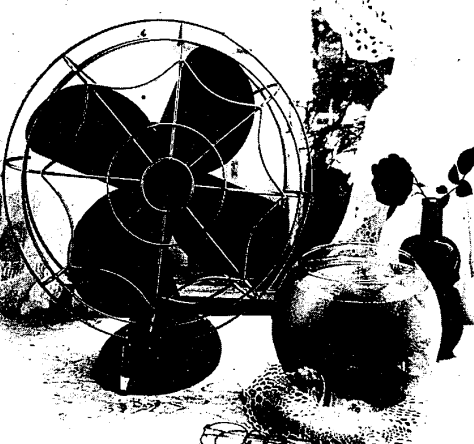
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