

U13 White section champs

The Norwalk Junior Lacrosse U-13 Boys White team capped an outstanding season by capturing the Junior Gold section championship of the CONNY Lacrosse Tournament.

Seventy-six U-13 teams participated in four-team brackets and Norwalk White won in the second highest-ranked bracket.

Coaches Jim Lyons and Chris Lacroix said, "...this team showed a lot of heart and all the hard work the team put in at Vet's Park was rewarded with the highest finish ever for a Norwalk team in the prestigious CONNY tournament."

The championship goal was scored by Steven Grimm, assisted by Andrew D'Antonio, with 18 seconds remaining, in the 6-5 win over Weston.

D'Antonio was the hub for the team, adding a goal, four assists and five ground balls.

Luke Sweeney, Troy Deering and Bryce Turner led a strong defensive effort and gained valuable ball possession by collecting key ground balls.

Goalie Josh Miller stood strong in the face of pressure and with accurate clearing passes, thwarted Weston's attempt to add to their 4-1 lead midway in the third quarter.

Norwalk drew even at 5-5 with four minutes remain-



Contributed photo
The Norwalk Junior Lacrosse U-13 White squad captured the Junior Gold section championship in the CONNY lacrosse tournament. Team members include: front row from left, D. Moran, M. Aitoro, C. Gatt, T. Brown, Z. Grimm, A. D'Antonio, S. Grimm. Second row from left, T. Bell, S. Largay, D. Keogh, T. Shafer, J. Miller, C. Broadnax, P. Baritz, B. Turner, Z. Bartolo, L. Sweeney, T. Deering. Third row from left, coaches J. Lyons, C. Lacroix, P. Gatt.

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ing, going four-for-four on extra man opportunities.

The return to goal by Josh Miller, allowed Tom Shafer to move to midfield. Able to roam the field, Tommy added two goals in the final. Mike Aitoro also scored in a physical contest. Midfielders Peter Baritz and Sean Largay showed their speed with timely end-to-end runs.

In the opening game, Norwalk defeated Madison 10-7. After building a 6-2 halftime lead, the Norwalkers found themselves trailing 7-6 with less

than six minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. Grimm moved to attack and received pinpoint passing from Aitoro, D'Antonio, and Tyler Brown, as he scored three goals in the last two minutes as Norwalk pulled ahead for the win. Grimm had five goals in the game, Aitoro and D'Antonio two each and Brown one.

Dan Keogh, Tyquan Bell kept the crease clear in front of goalie Miller. Moving the ball on offense were Chris Gatt, Dan Moran, Zach Grimm, and Cuyler Broadnax.

The team ended the season with a 9-5-1 record.

D'Antonio led the team with 47 points on 23 goals

and 24 assists. He was followed by Steven Grimm with 39 points (33 goals, 6 assists); Mike "Shorty" Aitoro with 37 points (23 goals, 14 assists); Zach Bartolo with 18 points (13 goals, 5 assists), Tom Shafer with 16 points (5 goals, 11 assists) and Tyler Brown with 13 points (7 goals, 6 assists).

Leaders in ground balls were Andrew D'Antonio with 80, Luke Sweeney 55, Sean Largay 35, Tom Shafer 25, Peter Baritz 24, Cuyler Broadnax 22, and Troy Deering 18.

In goal, Josh Miller recorded 66 saves in nine games and Tom Shafer had 49 saves in six games.

NORWALK LITTLE LEAGUE ROUNDUP

Majors Playoffs

Monker Grotto 9 Kiwanis 8

Monker Grotto scored the winning run with two outs in the last inning on a bases loaded walk. Jack Hefferan led Monker with two hits. Jordan Keyes, Jeff Patnaude and Matt Savona also had hits for the winners. Tristian O'pahl led Kiwanis with two doubles. Thomas Henderson also had two hits. Mark Ballard had a double in a losing cause.

Rotary 7, Lions 2

Kevin love and Mike Boguski combined to one-hit the Lions. Down 1-0, Rotary scored two runs in the fourth to take the lead on a single by Ryan Evans, an RBI double from Paul Salata and an RBI ground out by Jimmy Anderson.

Boguski kept the Lions at bay in the top half of the fifth and Rotary erupted for five runs in the bottom half. The rally featured RBI singles by Thomas Boguski, Jack Careccia and Evans. The big blow was a two-out, two-run triple by Love. Perry Hoye and Deion Clark were both 2-for-2. Anderson also chipped in with a single. For the Lions, Sean Butler pitched out of a jam in the third and recorded 11 strikeouts with only two walks in four-and-a-third innings. Zach LaRusso had the lone hit. Bobby Butler and Trevor Remy both scored runs.

Laurel AC 13 Materese 7

Roger Quiroga of Laurel AC clubbed three doubles and a single and knocked in eight runs as Laurel AC topped Matarese to stay alive in the playoffs. Latrell Johnson and Thomas Arduino combined on a solid pitching effort for Laurels. Matarese was led by Keegan Roberts who went 3-for-3 with two runs scored. Also getting hits for Matarese were Sam Starkman, Corey Hayes, Shaun Davis and Colin Page.

Eagles 10, Lions 1

The Eagles were led by Tyler Annunziata's three hits and a complete-game effort by pitcher Trey Newcomb to advance and meet Rotary. Sean Butler had two hits for the Lions and scored.

Triple AAA

Italia Restaurant 4 TNS Group 3

Italia pulled out the win when Matt Crowley led off the sixth with a triple and Ryan Searles batted him in. Other hits came from Alex Barone, who had two RBI with a long single; Ryan Searles and Matt Crowley. Crowley and Searles held TNS to three runs on four hits. Strong pitching by Yesid Rodriguez kept TNS in the game. Hits came from Grayson Brandfellner, Gregory Goldstein, Charlie Doyle and Mike Pascarelli.

G&G Pizza 17 Stew Leonard's 10

Evan Uva, Danny Frattaroli, Trey Canevari, Matt McDonald, Jack Coulter, Phillip Uva, and Alex Canevari had hits for the victors. Ryan McGonigle, Evan Uva and Dillon Byrd pitched well for G&G. For Stew Leonard's,

William Lash went 2-for-3 with a single, double and four RBI, and Giancarlo Ceci added two runs and two RBI.

C&C Landscaping 10 Pizza & Pasta 2

C&C was led by the pitching of Ari Lander, Connor Mastropietro and Magnus Hermans. John Smith, Codi Mastropietro and Hermans had two hits, while Alex Ruther and Matt Howard each had a hit and two RBI. Joel Ayala chipped in with his first double of the year, and Ryan Edwards, Conner Mastropietro, and Stephen Howard also had hits. For Norwalk Pizza & Pasta, Matthew Iannacone and Andrew Goldstein each had a single and two RBI. Victor Silano and Matt Pinho each had two hits. Alex Escalante, Nick Granata and Pete Kotulsky also had hits. Matthew Iannacone, Alex Escalante, Matt Pinho and Pete Kotulsky pitched for Pizza & Pasta.

Marinello's Deli 18 John Glover Agency 11

Leading Marinello's were the Benincaso brothers, Tommy, who singled twice, doubled, scored and drove in two, and Joey, who singled three times, scored twice and had three RBI. Sam Zaref singled and had two RBI. Nick Covino singled and had two RBI. Mike Powers singled and drove in a run. Mike DiLorio singled and scored twice. For Glover, Sarah O'Connor singled, scored twice and drove in two. R.J. Kenez singled and had an RBI, and Justin Wargo singled and had two RBI.

Diamond Deli 11 C&C Landscaping 9

Diamond Deli rallied to score three runs in the bottom of the fifth to top C&C Landscaping. Nick Lafranco tripled, had two singles and collected six RBI for the winners. Maurice Torian had a double and two RBI, and Brendan Brown had two hits and scored twice. Evan Cybart was the winner and Kyle Piscarita picked up the save. For C&C Landscaping, Stephen Howard, Nicholas Howard, Matt Howard and Cody Mastropietro had hits.

Partners 14 Pizza & Pasta 1

Anthony Granchelli led Partners with four singles and two RBI, Matthew Diurno had a double and a bases-loaded triple to win it for Partners. Reid Singewald had three singles and two RBI Sean Geercken a single, double and two RBI, and Kyle Mossop, Thomas Smalls and John Skroly each had a single and RBI for the winners. Nick Granata and Victor Silano each singled for Pizza and Pasta.

John's Best 8 Stew Leonard's 8

In the last game of the regular season John's Best and Stew Leonard's played to a tie. Stew Leonard's scored in every inning while John's Best got the bulk of their runs in the bottom of the first inning. Stew Leonard's was led by Matt Salata, who had a single, double and two RBI. Also driving in one run each were Hugh Clyne, Nate Fanning, William Lash, Scott Whalen, Joseph DeLucia and Andre DeNunzio.

Liberty overcome by Fever

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS —Katie Douglas had 16 points and eight rebounds, and the Indiana Fever beat New York 83-69 on Wednesday night for their fourth straight win against the Liberty.

Tamika Catchings finished with 11 points, five rebounds and three steals, and Tan W h i t e scored 11 for the Fever (6-4), who won their 10th consecutive home game against New York.

Catchings came off the bench to play nearly 14 minutes in her second game of the season. She suffered a torn right Achilles' tendon in last year's Eastern Conference finals and underwent surgery in September. Her debut came in Sunday's loss to San Antonio.

Janel McCarville had 23 points and Shameka Christon scored 16 for the Liberty (5-5). New York had won four of five games entering Wednesday after a 1-3 start.

The Fever, who led 23-20 entering the second quarter, took control with a 13-4 run before halftime. Tammy Sutton-Brown's layup extended their advantage to 41-30.

Indiana opened a 55-37 edge following 3-pointers by Tully Bevilacqua and Douglas with 4 minutes left in the third quarter. Catchings' layup pushed the lead to 63-41 later in the period.

Tiffany Jackson's two free throws got the Liberty to 73-61 midway through the fourth quarter, but Douglas scored the next five points to help seal the victory.

SilverStars 81, Dream 66

Becky Hammon scored 25 points and handed out eight assists, and Ann Wauters added 18 points and 14 rebounds to lead visiting San Antonio to victory over the expansion Atlanta Dream.

Stacey Loveland came off the bench to lead the Dream with 18 points.

The Silver Stars grabbed the lead in the first quarter and never looked back.



AP photo
A member of the grounds crew runs past a tarp covering the field at Yankee Stadium in New York Wednesday night. Rain delayed the start of the game between the San Diego Padres and the Yankees for more than an hour and 15 minutes..

Randolph stunned by dismissal

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Willie Randolph figured the New York Mets would fire someone. He just didn't think general manager Omar Minaya would pick him.

"I thought he was talking about whacking a couple of my coaches," the ex-manager told several New York-area newspapers Wednesday outside his home in Franklin Lakes, N.J.

"That's why I was stunned. I didn't think it was going to happen," Randolph said. "At the time, I felt the way he was talking to me, that I was pretty secure for the time being."

Minaya fired Randolph, pitching coach Rick Peterson and first base coach Tom Nieto after Monday night's win over the Los Angeles Angels.

A day after splitting a doubleheader with Texas at home, the Mets traveled to the West Coast to start the series in Anaheim, Calif. The firings were announced in an e-mail at 12:14 a.m. PDT Tuesday.

"Not the way I would have handled it," he said. "Bottom line, it is what it is."

Randolph said he watched some of the Mets' 6-1 loss to the Angels on Tuesday night. Bench coach Jerry Manuel was promoted to run the team the rest of the season.

Randolph was dismissed

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

with the Mets struggling below .500.

"I felt all along this team would play better and we would eventually get into the season and really do well. In my mind, this all happened way, way too early," he said.

Randolph was set to be an NL coach next month in the All-Star game at Yankee Stadium — where he played and coached for long periods — and said he still hoped to take part.

At 53, Randolph also would like to manage again. "I'm not ready to retire," he said. "Once you get a taste of managing, it's kind of cool."

Reds farm Bailey

Right-hander Homer Bailey was sent back to the minors Wednesday, the Cincinnati Reds' latest attempt to turn around their prized prospect.

The Reds also activated outfielder Norris Hopper from the disabled list.

The 22-year-old Bailey knew he was likely to be optioned to Triple-A Louisville after he gave up five runs in only 2 1-3 innings of a 9-0 loss to Boston on Sunday. In three starts this season, Bailey went 0-3 with an 8.76 ERA.

The Reds want Bailey to work on throwing strikes with his changeup and breaking pitches. Against the Red Sox, the only pitch he could throw for a strike consistently was his fastball.

Hafner sees doctor

Indians designated hitter Travis Hafner traveled to Birmingham, Ala., Wednesday to get a second opinion on his sore right shoulder.

Renowned orthopedist Dr. James Andrews examined Hafner.

Indians head trainer Lonnie Soloff says Hafner is not progressing as quickly as hoped from the injury that landed him on the disabled list May 30.

Wednesday's Games

Tigers 7, Giants 2

Placido Polanco had four hits, drove in two runs and scored three as Detroit's offense knocked struggling San Francisco starter Barry Zito out of the game after only two innings, and the Tigers took the rubber game from the Giants.

Dodgers 6, Reds 1

Derek Lowe earned his first road win since last August by pitching into the sixth inning, and the Los Angeles Dodgers extended their season-long domination of the Cincinnati Reds.

Tide's season rolls to end

The NJSA U-14 girls Tides finished their season with one win and one tie.

The Tides and undefeated Stamford were tied 0-0 at halftime. The game was cancelled due to lightning. Emma Vita made save in the half of a game played largely on Stamford's side of the field.

The Tides defeated New Canaan 2-1. Trailing 1-0 at the half the Tides got second-half scores from Corey Blattman and Nora Flaherty, who scored off of a corner kick from

TRAVEL SOCCER

Blattman for the game winner. Lindsay Macri had one assist.

Defensively Kate Buellesbach, Christina Randall, Maya Carter, and Mary Kate Vicenzi helped Vita earn the win. The Tides finished the season 5-3-1 in A-league and 9-4-1 overall.

The Tides hope to move up to the U-16 level next spring.

Next, the Tides play the International Cup in Walt Disney World in July.