

## Knockouts take division



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The Norwalk Knockouts U11 soccer team finished the season at 5-0-2 and atop the division for the second season in a row. Members of the team, front row from left, are Brandon Conte, Tristan Pears, Christian Bonebrake, Ian Seal, Justin Macintyre, Michael King and Matt Capomolla. Second row from left, assistant coach Drew Macintyre, Yanni Tsiranides, Andrew Melitsanopoulos, Nate Cutting, Connor Finn, Evan Jones, Jonathan Weekes, Conor Mulford and coach Dino Melitsanopoulos. Missing from the photo are Jeffrey Mitchell, Oscar Campos and George Theodoridis.

## Riptide splits in state tournament

The Norwalk U-14 team got off to a fast start but was eliminated after going 2-2 in four contests

The Norwalk Riptide girls U-14 travel softball team went 2-2 in state tournament play.

The Riptide opened play with a 12-2 victory against the Vipers.

Riptide were led at the plate by Eileen Ornosky, who went 3-for-4 with a double and triple.

Megan Billmeyer, Samantha Saccamono and Jen Frusciante had two hits apiece in the opening victory.

Nikki Talericio picked up

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the win on the mound striking out seven while giving up three hits.

In their second outing, the Riptide was defeated, 10-1, by the eventual tourney champion Tradition.

Pacing the Riptide offense were Talericio, Ornosky and Laura Knox, who scored the lone Riptide run.

Norwalk bounced back from the loss to Tradition with a 9-1 victory against the Shoreline Sting.

The Riptide's attack was paced by Amanda Otero-Millilo, who went 3-for-3 with two runs scored, Lauren Hurd, who went 2-for-2 with two runs scored, and Brenna

Beluk, who collected two hits.

Becky Ross was the defensive star of the game throwing out two base runners attempting to steal and hanging on to the ball at the plate after a collision.

Talericio picked up the victory on the mound, allowing just three hits.

Riptide were eliminated from tourney when the Sting handed them their second loss by a 4-1 margin.

Frusciante, Talericio, Ornosky and Beluk paced the Riptide offense while Hurd was the defensive star of the game.

The Riptide will play home games Friday night at Norwalk High and at 1 p.m. Sunday at NHS.

# Kiwanis overcomes Jaycees to take Major Division title

## NORWALK LITTLE LEAGUE

Johnny Anzalone threw a no-hitter in the final game of the championship series to lead Kiwanis to the title with a come-from-behind victory over the Jaycees.

After dropping the first game of the best-of-three series, Kiwanis took the next two games to win the series, 2-1.

In the finale, Anzalone walked one and hit a batter while striking out eight in his no-hit performance.

Dennis Warfield doubled, walked and scored two runs in Kiwanis' 3-0 Game 3 victory. Anzalone doubled scored and had an RBI, Chris Winthrop had an RBI and Blake Stroman had an RBI single.

Kiwanis tied the series at one game apiece with a 7-6 win in Game 2.

Warfield hit a go ahead two-run homer in the bottom of the fourth and Miles Turner got the win on the mound.

Warfield finished the game with a single, two runs and two RBI to go with his homer and Stroman had two doubles, two RBI and a run to lead the offense.

Turner and Robert Ranieri also had RBI singles, Anthony Castillo singled and scored, Zack LaRusso singled, and Winthrop and Anzalone both scored runs for the victors.

Turner who pitched four innings with five strikeouts to get the win and LaRusso struck out two in the final two innings to get the second save.

For the Jaycees Jamie Restivo and Alex Valenzano had doubles, and Quinn Ryan, Patrik Odierno, Matt Brown and Salmon Vahora had hits.

Ryan started for Jaycees and had six strikeouts and Odierno finished.

In Game 1, Odierno, Temoche, Brown and Lockwood led the Jaycees to a 9-7 win over Kiwanis.

Jose Temoche led the Jaycees attack with two doubles, three RBI and two runs. Danny Wellen, Matt Brown and Nicky Lockwood each went 2-for-3 with RBI. Odierno had a triple, two runs and two RBI, and came in relief of Restivo to shut down Kiwanis in the final two innings.

Restivo started for the Jaycees and earned the win. He also had a single and two RBI.

For Kiwanis, Warfield had an RBI, reached base four times and scored twice. Patnaude had two hits and scored, Ranieri reached base twice and scored, and Anzalone, Blake, Winthrop and LaRusso all had a hit and an RBI.

On the mound LaRusso took the loss, while Anzalone threw four solid innings in relief.

VFW defeated the Eagles, 8-7, in consolation game

VFW took the early lead on hits by Keegan Roberts, Kevin Cronin, Mike Sornatale, Pete Romsky and Mike Bottex. Roberts started and got the win. Trevor Tomlinson got the save.

For the Eagles Francisco Torrealba, Trey Newcomb, Jordan Bellairs, Joe Cox, Thomas Henderson, R.J. Serrano and Daniel Cohen all got hits.

The Jaycees beat the Eagles, 11-2, in the semis.

Ryan pitched a complete game for Jaycees to get the win in the division playoff championship. For the Jaycees, Restivo went 2-for-4 with a double and a run. Valenzano went 3-for-4 with a double and three runs. Ryan went 2-for-2 with two runs and three RBI. Temoche went 2-for-3 with an RBI. Odierno had a single, walk and scored twice. Matt Brown went 2-for-3 with a double, three RBI and a run. Lockwood went 2-for-3 with a run and Danny Wellen had a hit.

Kiwanis beat VFW, 4-3, to claim its berth in the finals

Miles Turner got the win for Kiwanis, pitching 5.2 innings while giving up only two hits and striking out nine. Anzalone got the final out to get the

save.

Offensively for the victors, Warfield had a single, walk and two RBI while Winthrop and Sean Welch both reached base twice. Stroman and Anzalone had the other RBI and Anthony and Ranieri scored.

For VFW, Dallas Blue, Derrick Edwards and Sornatale got hits. Edwards took the loss on the mound.

The Eagles beat New York Bakery, 4-1, to move into the Spinola championship game

Jordan Bellairs pitched 5.1 innings and allowed only one run for the Eagles. Trey Newcomb got the last two outs, both on strikeouts.

Tom Henderson had a clutch two-run double in the top of the sixth to give the Eagles some breathing room.

For the Bakery, Perry Hoye had an RBI single in the second plating Andrew Bilardo with the Bakery's only run. Ryan Halloran and Hunter Sharkey were both 2-for-3. Kevin Joslyn, Joe Ponger and Keven Partida singled.

LaRusso threw a complete game three hitter and Warfield hit a mammoth two-run homer over the right field fence to lead Kiwanis to a 5-3 win in game one of the divisional championship.

LaRusso finished the game with five strikeouts while also going 2-for-2 at the plate. Warfield finished with four RBI and a single to go with his homer. Castillo also had a hit and scored twice for Kiwanis. Anzalone also had two hits and Winthrop had an RBI.

For VFW, Cronin had two hits and scored twice, Roberts had a double and scored, Bottex had two singles and Sornatale had one. Roberts started for VFW and struck out six, giving up four hits and five runs, three earned. Cronin pitched the sixth inning which ended with a double play from Edwards, who stepped on second and threw to Sornatale.

Turner and Stroman led Kiwanis past Monker Grotto, 6-1, and into division finals

Turner allowed two hits in 5.1 innings with eight strikeouts to get the win. Stroman hit a tape-measure three-run homer. Turner also scored two runs to help himself, while Winthrop, Anzalone, Kevin Mossop and Patnaude also had hits. LaRusso finished the game for Kiwanis, getting the final two outs for the save.

VFW moved on with a 5-2 win over Laurel AC.

Edwards pitched 4.2 innings, struck out 10, walked three and gave up three hits to get the win. Getting hits for VFW were Edwards, Roberts, Sornatale and Bottex. Getting hits for Laurel were Thomas Clyne, Will Clyne and Tyler Singewald. Ricky Mydland pitched four innings of two-hit scoreless relief for Laurel AC. VFW also turned a double play in the sixth from Tomlinson to Edwards to Sornatale.

Laurel AC defeated International Lions Club, 9-6, to advance in the playoffs. Sam Gande collected three hits, scored twice and knocked in two to power the Laurel AC offense. Mark Salvioli, Thomas Clyne, Tyler Singewald and Peter Ostasiewicz each had two hits for Laurel AC. Ostasiewicz pitched 4.2 innings to earn the win for Laurel AC. William Clyne pitched an inning of scoreless relief for the save.

### AAA Division

Snellman won a hard-fought series with C&C.

The Snellman win was led by B.J. Buckle's two-run single in the third. Also contributing RBI were Matt Crowley, James Campbell, Brian Beaumonte, Ryan Restivo, Jack Stafford, Alex Barone and Evan Uva. Restivo, Beaumonte and Campbell combined for the win and 11 strikeouts.

The pitching for C&C was handled by Daniel Romanello, Michael Stein, Greg Goldstein, Jesse Rodriguez, Ber Evans and Sam Evans. The pitchers had a total of 11 strikeouts.

Goldstein had a double in the second inning to score Evan Viscardi. Devin Monroe had a bases-clearing hit in the fifth, recording two RBI and scoring a run. Scott Brandfeller started the sixth inning with a double followed by an RBI single by Stein and a double by Viscardi. Ricky Mejia and Dylan Viscardi also contributed to the team effort.

Heritage defeated Mattarese Servie Station, 8-6, to sweep the their series

Ben Kubie had two hits and two RBI to lead Heritage to a come-from-behind victory in the top of the sixth. Brendan Mills closed out the game with three scoreless innings

Stew's squeaked by Diamond Deli, 4-3, in extra innings.

Stew Leonard's gave up three runs in the first inning but battled back with one in the second and two in the third to tie the game. They eventually won as they scratched out a run in the top of the seventh inning to win the first game of a best 2-of-3 series for the tier II Triple A championship.

Diamond Deli got things started with three runs in the first. Singles by Brendan Brown and Matt Arduino and an RBI single by Dylan Tyrrell got the first run in before a double by Malik Massey brought home two more runs to make it 3-0. In the second inning Stew's picked up a run with a leadoff double by Cole DeBeradinis and an RBI single by his brother Max. They picked up two more runs in the third to tie the score as Jasmine Kishimoto scored on a double by Bobby Butler who came home on an RBI ground out by Billy Passero. In the seventh inning Cole DeBeradinis walked and worked his way around the bases and eventually scored on an infield groundout by Max DeBeradinis.

Max Helfand and Connor Halloran picked up singles for Stew's and Max Lawrence picked up a single for Diamond Deli.

For Diamond Deli, Kyle Pisacrita pitched three innings with five strikeouts, Kevin Pisacrita worked two innings with 5Ks, and Dylan Tyrrell went two innings with five strikeouts. For Stew's, Kishimoto struck out six in three innings, and Butler picked up the win with six Ks in three innings. Halloran got the save, getting the final three outs and striking out one batter.

Stew Leonard's defeated Diamond Deli for the Tier II championship with a 9-3 to take the best-of-3 series, 2-0.

Connor Halloran picked up the win with three innings of shutout ball striking out seven. Bobby Butler pitched the last three innings and had nine strikeouts. At the plate Halloran hit an inside-the-park home run. Cole DeBeradinis doubled home a run and scored a run, Sam Zaref singled and scored twice and Matthew Jacobson got things started in the first inning with a single that drove in two runs.

For Diamond Deli, Dylan Tyrrell, Kevin Pisacrita and Maurice Torian picked up singles. In the sixth inning, Diamond Deli got a rally going with singles by Matthew Arduino and Brendan Brown and a two run double by Max Lawrence but they came up short in the end.

Snellman pulled out an extra-inning win against C&C.

B.J. Buckle drove in two runs in the bottom of the eighth inning with a two-out, two-run single, to lead Snellman to the win.

The Snellman offense was led by Matt Crowley and James Campbell who each scored two runs, and Brian Beaumonte and Harrison Hefferan who both singled and drove in a run. Ryan Restivo, Matt Crowley, James Campbell, Alex Barone, and Harrison Hefferan pitched for Snellman, combining for 13 strikeouts.

Pitching for C&C were Daniel Romanello, John Luke Kanzler, Greg Goldstein and Evan Viscardi. Each pitched two innings with a total of 12 strikeouts. On the offense, Michael Stein went 2-for-2 with a double, Jesse Rodriguez and Greg Goldstein each recorded a hit and Ricky Mejia recorded a double.

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