

Brien McMahon turns back Warriors under the lights

Brien McMahon pushed the game's only run across the plate in the top of the first inning and pitcher Todd Lyons made it stand as the Senators nipped Wilton 1-0 Monday night under the lights at the Warriors' diamond.

Lyons fired a two-hitter, struck out six and walked none as he raised his record to 5-2. He outdueled Wilton's Jack Palumbo, who hurled a four-hitter, fanned five and walked only two.

Lyons also scored the game's only run when he doubled in the first, moved to third on a single by Eric Stenger, and raced home on a sac fly by Josh Eason.

Wilton didn't get a hit off Lyons until the fourth inning when Aaron Shapiro led off with a single. He moved to second on a sac bunt and to third on a groundout, but Lyons struck out the next batter to end the inning.

Jared Wyman's single in the fifth was the Warriors' only other hit.

The Senators improved to 9-7 while Wilton fell to 10-5.

Trumbull 10, Norwalk 1

Norwalk dropped to 7-7 overall with the home loss, which snapped a modest two-game winning streak. Tom Sullivan had a single and a triple, and scored the Bears; only run in the fourth inning. Starter Will Marr absorbed the loss.

Staples 1, St. Joseph 0

David Speer tossed a six-hit shutout and Ryan Crofts produced the game's only run with a solo homer in the fourth as the Wreckers improved to 11-4 overall and 10-3 in FCIAC play.

Speer, now 5-1 on the season, struck out eight and walked only one as he kept the Cadets (10-4 overall, 8-4 FCIAC) in check.

Bethel 3, Weston 0

Visiting Bethel (10-4 overall, 8-3 FCIAC) scored three runs in the sixth — only one earned — and that was the difference in a pitching duel

between Weston's Jesse Link and Jesse Frawley of the Wildcats.

Both hurlers tossed four-hitters with Frawley fanning nine and Link four.

Weston (4-10 overall, 2-8 SWC) had the tying run at the plate with no outs in the bottom of the seventh, but Frawley escaped the jam by fanning two before getting a game-ending fly out.

Alec Joseph had a double for Weston.

GFA 8, Hopkins 5

Westporters Henry Van Zant and Oliver Van Zant combined to pitch a four-hitter as Greens Farms Academy evened its record at 6-6. Francis Herman, also of Westport, doubled and drove in two runs, while Oliver Van Zant had a double, one RBI and scored two runs.

SOFTBALL

Wilton 9, McMahon 0

Stacy Pokora tossed a two-hit shutout and also banged out three hits to lead the Warriors (9-4 overall, 8-3 FCIAC). On the mound she allowed just two first-inning singles and a hit batsman. At the plate she had a double and an RBI.

Steph Fricke, Megan Colvin and Christy Ketley all had two hits for Wilton.

Jess Chironna and Annie Bishop had the only hits for McMahon (1-10 overall, 1-9 FCIAC).

Bethel 6, Weston 0

Weston committed six errors which led to six unearned runs by Bethel — two in the first, two in the fifth and two more in the sixth — as the Trojans fell to 6-8.

Biz Harrigan allowed six hits and no earned runs while striking out seven and walking only two. Weston collected four hits, including two by Cathy Fredrickson.

GIRLS TRACK

Bears, Senators win pair

Senior standout Lauren Ventrella won the 100 hurdles

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in 14.7 and the 300 hurdles in 44.9 — both the fastest times in the state so far this season. She was also third in the 200 (25.7) as the Bears beat Bassick and Trinity Catholic but bowed to Danbury.

Ivy Chen took second in the triple jump in the meet at Danbury, but qualified for states with a leap of 33-2. Rottisha Lewis qualified for FCIACs with a 31-10 triple jump.

Meanwhile, Brien McMahon also won both ends of its double-dual meet, defeating Greenwich 84-59 and St. Joseph's 101-21 as the Senators raised their record to 5-4.

Freshman Shelly Lindo had a big day with four wins, sweeping the 100 (12.6) and 200 (26.4) meter dashes as well as the 100 (17.1) and 300 (49.9) hurdles.

Kaitlin Whittington was a double winner, breaking her own school record in triple jump (35-2) while also capturing first in the 400 (60.1). Other McMahon winners were Vanessa Smith in the discus (69-1/2), Tori Martinez in the 800 meters (2:40.1), Kay English in the 3200 (12:50), and Sarah Delinski in the pole vault (6-6).

BOYS LACROSSE

Wilton 16, Greeley 5

The Warriors improved to 9-2 with their sixth straight win Saturday over Horace Greekey in New York. Mike Francia led Wilton with five goals and an assist, while Peter McMahon scored once and set up four scores.

Senior goaltender James Fuller stopped 12 shots.

The victory came a day after Wilton drubbed Trinity Catholic, 23-0. McMahon and Kyle Sullivan both scored three times in the Senior Nigh victory, with McMahon also dishing out three assists.

Reed Dempsey, Francia, Joe Reardon, Charlie Cornbrooks and Jack Krueger netted two goals each.

BOYS GOLF

Staples 158, Darien 173

The unbeaten Wreckers upped their record to 10-0 as they prepared for showdowns against Greenwich today and Wilton on Wednesday.

Playing without No. 1 Dylan Murray, sophomore Andrew Gai captured medalist honors at Wee Burn with a 37, while fellow soph Kirk Massie shot a 39.

Freshman Austin Alianiello and senior John Choi each carded a 41.

Ridgefield 158

McMahon 188

Joe Kurche shot a 41 at the Ridgefield Golf Club to lead the Senators, while Rick Buellesbach added a 43 and Tyler Silverman recorded a 45.

McMahon will take a 3-8 record into today's 3 p.m. intra-city showdown against Norwalk High at Shorehaven.

Weston 146

Notre Dame 201

Bernie D'Amato and Joe D'Amato both posted even par 36s at Aspetuck Valley to lead unbeaten Weston (12-0 overall, 9-0 SWC). Taylor Navin was one shot behind his teammates and Jeff Evanier carded a 38. ND fell to 5-7.

Wilton 157, St. Joseph 167

Will Herndon shot a two-over 38 at Rolling Hills to lead Wilton (9-3 overall, 7-3 FCIAC), and Brian Murphy and Marshall Strock came in at 39. Jack Mathews (41) completed the Warriors' scoring.

New Canaan 154

Norwalk 222

Curtis Loop shot a 1-over 36 at the Country Club of New Canaan to lead the unbeaten Rams (13-0) to victory over winless Norwalk (0-10). Jay Garrish (50) led the Bears.

GIRLS GOLF

Weston 181, Bunnell 250

Dylann Katz shot four-over 40 at Aspetuck Valley to lead the Trojans (9-0-1 overall, 5-0 SWC). Danielle Lamy shot 43 and Franci Litvak 45 and

Megan Weithoff 53 to round out the scoring. Bunnell dropped to 1-10 overall.

BOYS TENNIS

Trumbull 7, McMahon 0

The Senators, who fell to 3-8, received a good effort from their No. 1 doubles team of Jacob Moulden and Casey Rawsen, who extended their match to three sets.

Weston 5, Notre Dame 0

Weston 7, Stratford 0

The Trojans improved to 8-0 with the twin wins, and go after two more today as they try to play catch-up after losing several matches to the weatherman in the past few weeks.

Against winless Notre Dame, Weston winners were Nick Richter and Josh Simon in singles, and the doubles teams of Dan Toutoungi/Adam Geller, Zach Levine/ Kyle Guerin and Robin Willis/Alex Nimkoff.

Taking wins against Stratford (1-10) wre Jeremy Schwartz, Cameron Hagen, Ben Kamisar and Nimkoff, and the doubles duos of Matt Wasserman/Sam Weyrauch, Levine/Jacob Greisman and Willis/Guerin.

GIRLS TENNIS

Staples 5, Darien 2

The Wreckers improved to 10-1 with the victory. Singles winners for Staples were Ella Gaskell (6-3, 6-1), Sarah McNee (2-6, 6-4, 6-4) and Farrel Levenson (6-3, 6-7(4-7), 7-5).

Taking doubles victories were Brette Warshaw and Katie Reiner (6-7(5-7), 6-4, 6-4) and Ryan Grosso and Molly Rudinger (6-1, 6-1).

GFA 6, Masters 1

Singles winners for GFA (6-3) were Maggie Harwood (6-4, 6-3), Taylor Schendel (6-1, 6-1) and Katherine Norbom (6-4, 3-6, 1-0). Taking doubles wins were Mireille Gaynor and Regi Monroe (6-1, 6-1); Ellie Monroe and Meggie Kearns (6-3, 6-3), and Colby Smith and Alex Flecha-Hirsch (6-3, 6-0).



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Ponus Ridge won the middle school championship. Team members, front row from left, are: Maurice Thomas-Riley, Mark Ballard, Zach Bayles, Harold Garcia, Brandon Christie, and Chris Isaacs. Back Row: Daniel Morgan, Andrew Rivers, Charles Toth, Justin Walker, Kyle Jordan, Shakiem Powell, David Shavers, and Coach Jeff Iannazzo.

Ponus Ridge hoopsters middle school champs

The Ponus Ridge Middle School Boys' Basketball team recently completed an undefeated season to capture the 2009 championship.

Ponus overcame injuries to defeat Nathan Hale and West Rocks twice in the final week to complete the perfect season.

Ponus topped Nathan Hale 46-33 after trailing 19-17 at halftime. Ponus outscored Nathan Hale

17-4 in the third quarter to take control. Kyle Jordan tallied 31 points, 21 in the second half to lead Ponus. Justin Walker added 4 points while Brandon Christie, Maurice Thomas-Riley, Charlie Toth, and Chris Isaacs all scored two points each while Daniel Morgan scored one.

Ponus won its 10th straight game by defeating West Rocks. After beating

West Rocks by 22 at home earlier in the week, Ponus needed to come back to grab the win, 39-33. This was the only win for Ponus that was not double-digits. Jordan again led ponus with 22 points while Walker scored 13. Thomas-Riley and Morgan each scored two points.

In the earlier game, Ponus jumped to a 29-12 halftime lead and cruised

to a 54-32 win. Jordan led a balanced attack with 16 points while Walker and Mark Ballard tallied 10 points. Morgan scored 8 points, Maurice Thomas-Riley had six.

Zach Bayles and Charlie Toth also played well for the champs. Ponus had to overcome the loss of starters David Shavers and Andrew Rivera during the final week.

Butler pitches Kiwanis past Lions in Norwalk LL Major Division action

Bobby Butler pitched five solid innings with 13 strikeouts to lead Kiwanis to an 8-2 victory over the Lions in Norwalk Little League Major Division play.

Justin Hufnagel with two strikeouts and Kyle Pisacrita with one closed out the win.

Offensively, Kiwanis was led by Tyler McMillian who singled home a run and scored twice. Kyle Pisacrita singled home a run and scored, Scott Castorina single home a run and Sam Evans doubled and scored.

For the Lions, James Campbell and Malik Massey singled and Frankie Gurnari and Joe Smalls scored. Daniel Romanello struck out seven batters in three innings of work.

Jaycees 10, Lions 8

The Jaycees scored three in the fifth and one in the sixth to overcome a two-run deficit and pull out the win. Jared Smith led the offense with a single, triple, and two runs. Big contributions on offense also came from Alex Scallion, Corey Hayes, Alex Barone, and Max Lawrence.

For the Lions, James

Campbell struck out seven with only two walks. Daniel Romanello had a bases-loaded double and Brian Beaumonte doubled.

Rotary 11, Jaycees 4

Rotary handed the Jaycees its first loss of the year. Nick Calabrese went 2-for-3 with a walk and four runs scored. Kevin Love had two doubles and two RBI. Ryan Evans had a single, a double and home run, and drove in six runs. For the Jaycees, Jared Smith had a single, triple and an RBI. Corey Hayes doubled.

Matarese 6, Kiwanis 2

Sean Welch struck out 11 to lead Matarese to victory. He also rapped a two-run double. Hunter Sharkey had two hits and scored twice, and Anthony Granchelli doubled. For Kiwanis, Drew Pace singled and scored, Bobby Butler singled home a run and Kyle Pisacrita doubled.

Monker Grotto 7

Laurel AC 4

Paul Salata fanned 10 strikeouts and Johanan Knight closed the game with two strikeouts. Knight also went 3-for-3

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with a single, double and triple. Edward Petrillo, Gregory Goldstein, Matthew Salata and Paul Salata all had doubles. Mike Boguski had a pair of singles and two RBIs for the Laurels and Chris Winthrop and RJ Kenz also doubled.

Rowayton Market 6 Eagles 4

Jesse Rodriguez stole home in the bottom of the sixth with two outs to tie the game at 4-4 after driving in Brendan Hanzlik with a double. Trey Newcomb drove in the Eagles first run with a double. Brendan Hanzlik and Newcomb each went 2-3 with RBI doubles in the sixth.

Eagles 16, Rotary 2

Brendan Hanzlik pitched a complete game allowing two hits and two runs while striking out 11. Hanzlik helped himself with a two-run homer in the first and a solo shot in the fourth. Trey Newcomb hit a three-run homer in the second. Kevin Love doubled and Rick Mejia had a two-run single.

AAA Division

Italia 13

Pizza & Pasta 4

Italia rallied from a one-run deficit in the third inning, scoring the next 10 runs. Malcolm Robinson led the way with two homers and 5 RBI. Isaiah Rodriguez had an inside-the-park homer and two RBIs. Alex Marino went 3-for-3, Clayton Bray had a double and an RBI, and Jack Potochney had a double and three RBI.

Diamond Deli 14

Stew Leonard's 5

Nick LaFranco's solid pitching and Kevin Faulkner with three hits and two RBI led the Delimen. Chris Buzzeo added a double and an RBI. Renzo Pablo had the only hit for Stew Leonard's.

Marinello's Deli 2

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Landscaping 1

Will Smith had an RBI single in the second to tie the game at 1-1. In the bottom of the fourth, Nick Covino singled and eventually scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly by Joey Benincaso. Danny Frattaroli singled in the first inning and scored

on Trey Canevari's triple. Evan Uva doubled.

Stew Leonard's 7

C&C Landscaping 4

Scott Whalen had two doubles and two RBI for Stew's and Renzo Palbo added a single and RBI. Darren Battle walked twice with two RBIs. Peter Baez and Andre Denunzio each contributed one RBI. C&C was led by Stephen Howard, who had three hits including a two-run triple. Magnus Hermans had two hits.

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Landscaping 10

Brendan's (101) 2

Ryan McGonigle and Evan Uva combined for 11 strikeouts for the winners, and Shane Kilcoyne blasted a triple and a home run. Uva, Danny Frattaroli, Jake Somma and Max Pagano all had doubles. Alex Canevari beokre hte game open with a three-run single in the third.

MINORS

F&G Construction 8

John Glover Agency 7

F&G was led by the hitting of Christopher Flynn, Kobi Agard, CJ Zezima, and Patrick Coulter. John Glover was led offensively by Aidan

DeVingo, Jalen Garcia, and Max Pomponi.

Slovin Chiropractic 10

Uncle Joe's 8

Stephen Arduino and Nathan Stiles sparked a six-run first inning that sealed the victory for Slovin Chiropractic. Uncle Joe's squad was led by Matthew Vaccaro, Andrew Romaniello, and Justin Smalls, each with multiple hits.

Fairfield County Bank 3

Park Street Pediatrics 2

Fairfield County Bank scored late to top Park Street Pediatrics. For Fairfield County, Jack Cocchia doubled and Kevin Rivera had the game winning hit. Park Street Pediatrics was led offensively by Nick Dilorio and Kelly Halloran.

Wendy's 7

Ferris Hill Club 6

Key hits for Wendy's were delivered by Luke Dube and Will Coppola. For Ferris Hill, Louie Cundari and Jason Tagariello collected multiple extra-base hits.

Mathews Restoration 5

State Farm Insurance 4

Peter Cowherd and Peter Tucci led the winners at the plate. Dannie Samuel homered for State Farm.