

FINAL RESULTS:***Athletics defend Baseball Fest title with 10-0 win over ATL foe Nolan Propane in Championship***

13th Annual Albany Athletics Baseball Fest
Central Park - Schenectady, NY

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Nolan Propane	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1
Albany Athletics	6	0	0	0	4	0	x	10	12	0

Nolan: Johnson, Lasek (2) and Rader

Albany: White and Mastroianni

The Albany Athletics used a 6-run first inning in the championship game to defeat Twilight League foe Nolan Propane 10-0 and defend its Baseball Fest title for its 7th title in the tournament's 13 years.

Tournament MVP Mark Teson singled in the 1st inning then came around to score the first run. He also doubled in another run in the inning and later tripled in a run in the 5th. Teson, who won the tournament MVP award in 2002 as an Athletic, was 6-for-14 with 6 runs and 4 RBI in five tournament games. Albany got consecutive RBI singles from Justin Meagher, Jason Martin, Mike Tirri and Zach Halloran in the first inning to open a 6-0 lead. Halloran finished with 3 singles and 2 RBI while Martin and Al Barbato each singled twice in the game.

A's Lefthander Ryan White hurled a complete game shutout with 3 strikeouts. Nolan was led by Kevin Dumicich who singled twice.

"This tournament always serves as mid-season test for this team to see what it can accomplish in a tournament setting," said 17th year Athletics manager Joe Altieri who is also the tournament founder. "We clearly passed the test with timely hitting, outstanding defense and shutdown pitching. I'm proud of my players for the commitment they had to win this event. Hopefully its a springboard into accomplishing bigger season goals."

In five tournament games, the Athletics went 5-0, scored 34 runs and only gave up 2 runs (1 earned). They are undefeated in the last 2 years in the event and improve to 19-1 this season.

SEMIFINALS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
# 4 Schdy Cyclones	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
#1 Albany Athletics	0	4	0	0	0	1	x	5	6	1

SCH: Earring and Marchis

ATH: Smith and Mastroianni

Mark Teson doubled and singled while lefthander Chris Smith threw a complete game 3-hitter with 12 strikeouts to help the A's advance to the championship.

SEMIFINAL

#2 Nolan Propane 4

#3 Albany Thunder 2

Paul Izzo double twice and drove in the go-ahead run in the 6th inning to help Nolan advance to its 2nd Baseball Fest title game.

FINAL TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

- 1. Albany Athletics 19-1 overall / 5-0 tourney
- 2. Nolan Propane 15-6 overall / 4-1 tourney
- 3. Albany Thunder 5-12 overall / 2-2 tourney
- 4. Schdy Cyclones 11-5 overall / 2-2 tourney
- 5. Columbus Braves 19-10 overall / 1-2 tourney
- 6. Greenville Spartans 6-5 overall / 1-2 tourney
- 7. Vermont PNA 5-5 overall / 0-3 tourney
- 8. Tri County Bees 9-8 overall / 0-3 tourney

DAY #2 RESULTS:

ATHLETICS, NOLAN EACH GO 3-0 IN POOL PLAY IN BASEBALL FEST; EARN #1 and #2 SEEDS

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The host Athletics and Nolan Propane swept a pair of games today to go 3-0 in pool play of the Baseball Fest. By way of the run differential tiebreaker, the Athletics earned the #1 seed and will play the #4 seeded Schenectady Cyclones in one of two semifinals tomorrow at the C Diamond at 10 am. Nolan will be the #2 seed and will take on the Albany Thunder as the #3 seed at the B Diamond at 10 am. Both winners will advance to the championship on the C Diamond at 1 pm. This is the 2nd consecutive year both the Athletics have earned the #1 seed in the tournament and have won 7 consecutive Baseball Fest games dating back to last year.

GM #5

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Greenville Spartans	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	1
Albany Athletics	0	0	0	0	4	1	x	5	6	1

GRE: Gorman and Rigo

ALB: Lawton and Mastroianni

A's righthander Bill Lawton threw a complete game 4-hitter and struck out 11 batters while Mark Teson slapped a 2-run double to spark a 5th inning rally. Zach Halloran tripled and singled for the A's as well.

Greenville was led by Chris Hunt who singled twice.

GM #8 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 R H E
 Vermont PNA 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 8 0
 Albany Athletics 2 0 1 1 0 0 x 4 5 1
 VT: Osborne and Swahn
 ALB: Pearsall and Mastroianni

Ben Paniccia doubled in a run in the 1st inning and Mike Tirri singled in another run in the inning to spark an early rally and lead the A's to their 2nd come from behind win of the day. Paniccia finished with a double, single and 2 RBI while Tirri finished with a single and double. The Athletics improve to 17-1 on the season.

GM #6
 Nolan Propane 1
 Tri County Bees 0

Chris Wilgocki drove in the game winning run in the bottom of the 7th on a sac fly after Paul Izzo tripled home the tying run earlier in the inning for Nolan.

GM #7
 Columbus (OH) Braves 7
 Albany Thunder 3

GM #9
 Schenectady Cyclones 3
 Greenville Spartans 0

Schenz Fier singled in the first run of the game then later scored to aid Schenectady's offense.

GM #11
 Albany Thunder 6
 Tri County Bees 1

Cody Caulfield and Mike Allen had RBI singled in a 3rd inning rally to lead the Thunder.

GM #12
 Schenectady Cyclones 4
 Vermont PNA 2

Mike Serrano singled in a run in the 4th then later tripled in a run in the 7th to lead the Cyclones.

GM #10
 Nolan Propane 1
 Columbus (OH) 0

Adam Lasek doubled home the winning run in the 4th inning for Nolan.

RECORDS after Day #2:

- #1 Albany Athletics 17-1 overall / 3-0 tournament (vs #4 Cyclones Sunday @ 10 am on C)
- #2 Nolan Propane 14-5 overall / 3-0 tournament (vs #3 Thunder Sunday @ 10 am on B)
- #3 Albany Thunder 5-11 overall / 2-1 tournament

#4 Schdy Cyclones 11-4 overall / 2-1 tournament
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DAY #1 RESULTS:

ATHLETICS POST IMPRESSIVE WIN OVER COLUMBUS IN FIRST DAY OF BASEBALL FEST

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Albany Athletics	0	1	0	1	8	10	7	0
Columbus (OH) Braves	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2

ALB: SHook and Mastroianni

COL: Skraggs, Belisle (5), Saunders and Yankle

Mike Tirri went 3-for-3 including an RBI single in the 2nd inning and 2-run single in the 5th inning to spark the Athletics to a 10-0 win in the first pool play game of its Baseball Fest. AJ Ragone also singled in a run in the 4th and notched a big 3-run triple in the 5th inning to add to the offense. Righthander Jim Shook fanned 6 hitters and gave up just 3 hits in a mercy-rule shortened game.

GAME #2

Waterford Nolan Propane 3

Vermont PNA 1

Nolan lefthander Dieudone Paul fanned 18 batters in a complete game effort and Max Keado doubled in two runs for Nolan.

GAME #3

Greenville Spartans 2 (Greenville is replacing the Philly Whiz Kids in the BB Fest)

Tri County Bees 1

Jason Cook and Phil Rigos each had RBI doubles to lead Greenville to a win over Tri County.

GAME #4

Albany Thunder 6

Schdy Cyclones 1

Quentin Jensen double in 3 runs in the 7th inning and singled to lead the Thunder to a win.