

# Sandlot 2009 Summer Hitting League Summary (Week 2)

## Overall Summary:

Week 2 was completed with several exciting games. The girls softball division was formed this past week and both of the 8U boys baseball teams were present for their games. The 11U boys continued to do well. The few that struggled during Week 1 bounced back for a solid Week 2 showing.

## Junior Bracket Summary:

The All-Stars and Blue Lightning both ran their records to 2-0 with victories in their matches this week. Homerun Hitters received the benefit of the BYE this week and evened their record at 1-1. Robbie Cerasoulo scored a league best 42 point round and edged out the Week 1 mark of 41 previously set by Nick Krouse. all-Stars defeated Blue Lightning 69-46. Blue Thunder defeated Grand Slammers 53-33. Homerun Hitters scored 46 in their BYE week victory.

## Freshmen Bracket Summary:

We changed up a bit in the Freshmen bracket this week. We alternated between using the tees and hitting off the machine. After week 1 I noticed that some bad habits were being developed by hitting machine pitch alone, so we changed it up with some instructional innings off the tees. After the tee work, the machine pitching scores were better as the players averaged about 4 to 5 points per inning. Both teams scored over 100 points in their match. This should be considered an all-around success. We will most likely follow the same pattern in Week 3 and will add some coach pitch innings as the season progresses and pitchers are available. Good job guys! Later in the week, Heavy Hitters made up their 1st week scores. The win/loss record for week 1 was adjusted based on that make-up.

## Softball Summary

The girls division got started a week late but the games were top notch. Foam edged out Chaos Lite by a score of 60-59 after a math error was discovered after the match. Chaos Lite had ended the game thinking they were 1 point winners. In any event, there were no hard feelings and both teams left the match with a positive experience. In the other game, Little Rascals belted 110 points and defeated Zoom by a score of 110-93. It's tough to score 93 points and lose but Zoom took it all in stride. As a coach, league organizer, and umpire, I really appreciate the positive attitudes of all the girls in the league. It will be a fantastic summer league! Team 5 joined late and received the first week BYE. They'll make-up their scores this week.

## C.H.A.M.P.S. Summary:

C.H.A.M.P.S. stands for **Coachable, Honor, Attitude, Mentor, Perseverance, Sportsmanship**. These are the character traits that we stress in Sandlot programs in developing well rounded student-athletes. During Week #2, the C.H.A.M.P.S. focus was on the **Coachable** trait. The C.H.A.M.P.S. letter during week #2 goes to Alex Preston. Alex was unable to hit during Week 1 so he started his season this past week. At the end of his regular game, Alex stayed late to make-up his Week 1 round. During that make-up round, Alex effectively took some coaching tips and put those tips to use and scored 12 points higher than his regular round of hitting. Alex was very **Coachable** and very open to help with his swing. Congratulations Alex!