

Sandlot 2009 Summer Hitting League Summary (Week 3)

Overall Summary:

Blue Thunder, in baseball, and Foam, in softball, lasted as the only two unbeaten teams after only 3 weeks of competition. This says a lot about the balance of all the teams throughout the league. We did have some exciting games this past week and some incredible scores. Zoom, in the softball league, scored 122 points during their BYE week. These girls didn't take it easy for sure. Most of the games, in both leagues, were battles that weren't decided until the final inning with 4 games being decided by less than 15 points.

Junior Bracket Summary:

Blue Thunder went to 3-0 with a 49-41 win over Blue Lightning. Blue Lightning was anchored by Nathan Simmons alone due to the injury and withdrawal of Alex Preston. Homerun Hitters downed All-Stars 66-52 while Grand Slammers got a 56 point week in their BYE win. This division will be adding a sixth team this week and for the remainder of the season.

Freshmen Bracket Summary:

We changed up a bit in the Freshmen bracket again this week. We alternated between using the coach pitch and hitting off the machine. I saw several of the hitters struggle a bit with the "slowness" of the coach pitch but all scored well overall. We will move back to all machine pitch for week 4. Good job guys!

Softball Summary

The softball division welcomed Smack Attack to the fold this week. Choas Lite handed them a welcoming defeat, however, by a score of 79-70. Both teams cored well, however. Zoom scored an incredible 122 points in their BYE week as they were led by Amy Rubeling with an 84 point individual effort. This is, by far, the highest individual score for the current season. Great job Amy! Foam remained undefeated in their dominance of Tunnel 2 (the inconsistent tunnel) as they beat Little Rascals 55-40.

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

C.H.A.M.P.S. stands for **Coachable, Honor, Attitude, Mentor, Perseverence, Sportsmanship**. These are the character traits that we stress in Sandlot programs in developing well rounded student-athletes. During Week #3, the C.H.A.M.P.S. focus was on the **Sportsmanship** trait. The C.H.A.M.P.S. letter during week #3 goes to four girls, Rachel, Jamie, Katelyn, and Stephanie. These four girls battled the inconsistencies of the pitching machine in Tunnel 2. They cheered one another and encouraged, not only their teammates, but the opponents as well. A great exhibition of **Sportsmanship** was evident here. Congratulations to all!