



# 2008 NEW YORK COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE WEEKLY RELEASE

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## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, June 16

Little Falls at Amsterdam 10:30 AM  
Glens Falls Watertown 7:00 PM

Tuesday, June 17

Saratoga at Glens Falls 11:00 AM  
Watertown at Bennington 5:00 PM  
Hornell at Webster 5:00 PM  
Brockport at Elmira 7:00 PM  
Niagara at Bolivar 7:00 PM  
Allegany County at Geneva 7:30 PM

Wednesday, June 18

Amsterdam at Glens Falls 7:00 PM  
Bennington at Little Falls 7:00 PM  
Saratoga at Watertown 7:00 PM  
Hornell at Elmira 7:00 PM  
Bolivar at Niagara 7:00 PM  
Webster at Geneva 7:30 PM

Thursday, June 19

Amsterdam at Bennington 5:00 PM  
Geneva at Webster 5:00 PM  
Watertown at Glens Falls 7:00 PM  
Saratoga at Little Falls 7:00 PM  
Niagara at Elmira 7:00 PM  
Allegany County at Hornell 7:00 PM  
Brockport at Bolivar 7:00 PM

Friday, June 20

Elmira at Brockport 5:00 PM  
Hornell at Webster 5:00 PM  
Little Falls at Saratoga 7:00 PM  
New York's Finest at Glens Falls (ex) 7:00 PM  
Watertown at Amsterdam 7:00 PM  
Allegany County at Niagara 7:00 PM  
Bolivar at Geneva 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 21

Brockport at Hornell (Game 1) 3:00 PM  
Webster at Niagara 5:00 PM  
Glens Falls at Saratoga 7:00 PM  
Bennington at Little Falls 7:00 PM  
Bolivar at Elmira 7:00 PM  
Brockport at Hornell (Game 2) 7:00 PM  
Geneva at Allegany County 7:00 PM  
U.S. Military All-Stars at Watertown (ex) 7:00 PM

Sunday, June 22

Geneva at Brockport 1:00 PM  
Bennington at Glens Falls 5:00 PM  
Amsterdam at Little Falls 5:00 PM  
Webster at Hornell 7:00 PM  
Niagara at Allegany County 7:00 PM  
Elmira at Bolivar 7:00 PM

## NYCBL Standings

As of June 15, 2008 11:59 PM

Eastern	W	L	Pct.	GB
Amsterdam	7	2	.778	-
Glens Falls	4	3	.500	2.0
Little Falls	4	4	.500	2.5
Bennington	4	5	.445	3.0
Watertown	3	5	.375	3.5
Saratoga	3	6	.333	4.0

Western	W	L	Pct.	GB
Hornell	6	1	.857	-
Brockport	4	2	.667	1.5
Allegany Cty.	5	4	.556	2.0
Webster	3	3	.500	2.5
Geneva	3	4	.429	3.0
Elmira	3	4	.429	3.0
Niagara	3	4	.429	3.0
Bolivar	1	6	.143	5.0

## EASTERN DIVISION PLAYER/PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Week ending June 15, 2008

**Player of the Week: J.D. Martinez (Nova Southeastern), Saratoga**

No one was hotter in the Eastern Division than J.D. Martinez during the first nine games of the season. Martinez hit a league-high .563 (18-for-32) with four home runs and nine runs batted in. Martinez leads the NYCBL in batting average, home runs, hits, slugging percentage (1.031) and total bases (33). He had seven multi-hit games and a co-league-high seven-game hitting streak. Martinez set a Saratoga Phillies record with three home runs in a game against Little Falls on June 7.

**Pitcher of the Week: Shane Davis (Canisius), Glens Falls**

After going 11-1 this spring at Canisius, Shane Davis allowed one hit combined during his first two starts of the NYCBL season. Davis went 1-0 with a 0.00 ERA, one hit, one walk and 10 strikeouts. He held Amsterdam to one hit on June 6 over five scoreless innings. The Belmont, Ont., native followed up with a complete-game no-hitter against Bennington on June 11. He faced one batter over the minimum in the no-hitter and allowed two base runners on a walk and hit-by-pitch. Davis leads the league in opponents' batting average (.024). He struck out five batters in each of his two starts.

## WESTERN DIVISION PLAYER/PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Week ending June 15, 2007

**Player of the Week: Ryan Lindquist (Eastern Illinois), Allegany County**

Ryan Lindquist buoyed the Nitros offense over the season's first nine games with a league-high 10 RBI. Lindquist batted .424 (14-for-33) with 11 runs scored, four doubles, one triple, seven walks and three stolen bases. He had five multi-hit and three multi-RBI games to go along with a co-league-high seven-game hitting streak. Lindquist leads the Western Division in total bases (26) and is tied for the lead in hits.

**Pitcher of the Week: Matt Miller (Eastern Illinois), Allegany County**

Matt Miller pitched the Nitros to three of their five victories over the first week and a half of the season. Miller went 3-0 with a 1.20 earned run average in three appearances. He allowed two runs on five hits over 15 innings and struck out nine. Miller tossed a one-hit shutout over seven frames against Brockport on June 9. After one inning of relief at Webster on June 12, Miller hurled a three-hitter over seven innings at home against Bolivar on Sunday. He currently leads the league with three victories.

## Last Week's Results

Friday, June 6

Saratoga at Bennington – PPD Rain  
Amsterdam 1 Glens Falls 0  
Little Falls 3 Watertown 1  
Hornell 4 Bolivar 0  
Niagara 20 Allegany County 9

Saturday, June 7

Glens Falls 7 Amsterdam 4  
Webster 6 Bolivar 4 (Game 1)  
Webster 24 Bolivar 8 (Game 2)  
Amsterdam 7 Watertown 6 (11)  
Saratoga 10 Little Falls 2  
Elmira 4 Niagara 3 (11)  
Geneva 5 Allegany County 2

Sunday, June 8

Geneva 5 Webster 4  
Glens Falls 7 Saratoga 2  
Little Falls 4 Watertown 3  
Niagara 8 Hornell 7 (11)  
Bennington 8 Amsterdam 6  
Brockport 3 Allegany County 2  
Elmira at Bolivar, Halted

Monday, June 9

Webster 8 Brockport 6

Tuesday, June 10

Little Falls 5 Bennington 1  
Allegany County 13 Bolivar 5 (14)  
Hornell at Brockport, Halted  
Amsterdam at Saratoga, Halted  
Glens Falls at Watertown, PPD Rain  
Geneva at Niagara, PPD Rain

Wednesday, June 11

Elmira 16 Allegany County 10 (Wellsville)  
Brockport 4 Niagara 3 (10)  
Glens Falls 6 Bennington 0  
Amsterdam 6 Little Falls 4 (15)  
Watertown 5 Saratoga 4 (11)  
Allegany County 8 Elmira 2 (Elmira)  
Hornell 7 Geneva 3

Thursday, June 12

Hornell 7 Geneva 1  
Saratoga 5 Watertown 1  
Amsterdam 8 Glens Falls 2  
Little Falls 8 Bennington 4  
Allegany County 5 Webster 4  
Niagara 7 Bolivar 2  
Brockport 8 Geneva 6

Friday, June 13

Watertown 4 Little Falls 3 (13)  
Bennington 9 Glens Falls 3  
Amsterdam 4 Saratoga 1  
Geneva 4 Elmira 2 (11)  
Hornell 7 Allegany County 5  
Bolivar at Brockport, Halted

## WEEKLY TEAM NOTES

**Allegany County:** Since allowing 20 runs to Niagara on opening night, the Nitros have won five of their last eight games to sit in third place in the Western Division...The team enjoyed a whirlwind stretch over Tuesday and Wednesday with three games in 24 hours. It took the Nitros 14 innings to dispatch of Bolivar, 13-5, on Tuesday night. Less than 12 hours later, Allegany County played Elmira in its "Kids Day" game in Wellsville with first pitch at 11:00 a.m. That evening, as part of a pre-arranged schedule, the two teams played again, at Dunn Field in Elmira...Allegany County lost its first two but has won five of its last seven games...The Nitros are the first team to have two players sweep the league's individual awards this season....This is the Nitros' 11th season in the NYCBL, they joined the league in 1998...**Who's Hot:** Alex Raetzloff (Webster) had 10 hits, six runs scored and seven RBI in nine games. College teammate Kyle Starnes (Webster) hit .304 and Ryan Holley (Binghamton) drove in eight runs.

**Amsterdam:** Missing the playoffs for the first time since 2000 might have been the wake-up call the Amsterdam Mohawks needed. After finishing 17-25 last season and falling outside of the playoff picture, Amsterdam leads the Eastern Division with a 7-2 mark. They haven't won the division since 2005... Newly-renovated Shuttleworth Park has been a hitter's dream this season with eight total home runs hit between the Mohawks and road teams...Four Mohawks pitchers have multiple appearances and a sub-1.00 ERA...Dan Forman (Manhattan) has been the ace of the staff with a two wins, a 0.00 ERA and 11 strikeouts in 14 innings pitched.... All-BIG EAST selection Mike Spina (Cincinnati) joined the team over the weekend and batted .444 in four games...**Who's Hot:** Mark Onorati (Manhattan) and Cody Reine (LSU) each have 13 hits through nine games, Onorati also leads the team with 11 runs scored and four doubles.

**Bennington:** It's take two in the NYCBL for the lone league team outside of New York state. The Bombers opened the season with a 4-5 mark, though closed the week with three wins in their last four games and they hold a win over first-place Amsterdam... Bennington's first trip to Watertown has ended in a shutout two years in a row; last year, John Tesseyman (CCSU) pitched a complete-game one-hit shutout in a 2-0 win; this year, Mitchell Eilenberg (UMASS) and Ben Sonberg (Keene State) combined on a four-hit shutout to best the Wizards, 4-0...Matt Fyfee (Eastern Kentucky), Steve Cadoret (Boston College) and Ben Sonberg have already made four appearances in relief during the team's first nine games...**Who's Hot:** Joey Bergman (Charleston) and Jeff Bercume (Merrimack) are tied for the team lead with 10 hits apiece, Bercume also scored eight runs. Rudy Jovanovski (Ouachita Baptist) leads the team with a .333 batting average.

**Bolivar:** The Athletics earned their first win of the season on Saturday night with a 5-3 triumph over Geneva. Bolivar is currently 1-6 but did play nine games last week, two were halted because of inclement weather, one against Brockport and one versus Elmira...Bolivar and Allegany County played the longest game of the season in the Western Division with a 14-inning marathon on June 10 that was won by the Nitros...Six of the Athletics first nine games were played at Bolivar-Richburg High School, that means they have just 15 home dates remaining...John Slick (Bethel, Minn.) turned in the team's best pitching performance with six strong innings against Geneva, he allowed two runs on eight hits and struck out three...**Who's Hot:** Cody Fuqua (Williams Baptist) and Jay Cox (Skagit Valley CC) had seven hits each and Kevin Cope (UAB) drove in seven runs.

**Brockport:** The 'Bats were the final team to open the 2008 season after having the first two days off. Brockport went 4-2 during the opening week with two halted games; the Riverbats led both halted games (vs. Bolivar/Hornell)...This is Brockport's fifth season in the NYCBL; they joined in 2004 with Glens Falls and Saratoga...Brockport has two walk-off wins this season by identical 4-3 scores. Corey Taylor (Binghamton) belted a walk-off single against Niagara on June 11 to give the 'Bats a win over the Power in extra innings. Sunday, Kyle Harvey (Texas Lutheran) slammed a walk-off single in the bottom of the ninth for Brockport's second walk-off win in less than a week...Head coach Jake Dennstedt was an assistant coach under Jim Maciejewski last year, it is his first head coaching assignment... **Who's Hot:** Jesse Bosnik hit a team-high.409 (9-for-22) in the team's first six games. P.J. Saporito (New Jersey Tech) has 14 strikeouts in 14 innings pitched, he was a NYCBL all-star last summer with the 'Bats.

## Last Week's Results Cont...

Saturday, June 14

Bennington 1 Saratoga 0 (Game 1)  
Saratoga 5 Bennington 1 (8, Game 2)  
Watertown 4 Amsterdam 3  
Brockport 1 Elmira 0  
Hornell 10 Niagara 3  
Bolivar 5 Geneva 3  
Allegany County at Webster, PPD Rain  
Little Falls at Glens Falls, Halted

Sunday, June 15

Brockport 4 Webster 3  
Amsterdam 14 Saratoga 6 (Resumed, 6/10)  
Glens Falls 2 Little Falls 0  
Elmira 9 Niagara 2  
Amsterdam 6 Saratoga 3  
Bennington 4 Watertown 0  
Hornell 8 Geneva 2  
Allegany County 11 Bolivar 3

## NYCBL Transactions Through June 15, 2008

Allegany County Nitros  
-No transactions

Amsterdam Mohawks  
-No transactions

Bennington Bombers  
-Assigned Rudy Jovanovski #36  
-Assigned Sean O'Rourke #50  
-Signed Bryce DeWeese, assigned him #38

Bolivar Athletics  
-Released Nathan Caldwell  
-Signed Coby Cress, assigned him #35  
-Signed Hayden Moss, assigned him #33

Brockport Riverbats  
-No transactions

Elmira Pioneers  
-Signed Michael Armstrong, assigned him #5  
-Signed Chris Zelko

Geneva Red Wings  
-Released Chris Blanchard  
-Signed Tom Legregni, assigned him 24H/11A  
-Assigned Nick Spears 5H/52A  
-Signed Charly Bashara, assigned him 2H/21A  
-Signed Steve Forster, assigned him 52H

Glens Falls Golden Eagles  
-Released Blake Nation, Adam Veres  
-Signed Roberto Perez, assigned him #13  
-Signed Jonathan White, assigned him #32  
-Signed Marc Damon, assigned him #8

## WEEKLY TEAM NOTES

**Elmira:** The defending league champions are off to a rocky start but only trail first-place Hornell by three games. Matt Burch's team dropped four-straight after opening the season, 2-0, but knocked off Niagara, 9-2, on Sunday for their third win. In three victories, Elmira has scored 29 runs total and in four losses the Pioneers averaged just over one run a game...Like Allegany County, Elmira enjoyed a rough mid-week stretch with three games in 24 hours. The Pios played Allegany County twice on Wednesday and then traveled to Hornell on Thursday morning for a Kid's Day game with the Dodgers...Infielder Casey Brett (Cornell) is related to Major League Baseball Hall of Fame member George Brett...**Who's Hot:** Chris Spatkowski (Pace) batted .357 in the Pios first seven games with 10 hits. Reliever Bernard Johnson (Corning CC) held opponents scoreless through four appearances and has fanned six batters in seven innings.

**Geneva:** Geneva made the playoffs last season for the first time since 2003. But, this year's Red Wings have struggled to a 3-4 mark so far in 2008. The Wings opened with two wins but won only once in their next five games...A small measure of revenge was gained by the Wings on Friday night with a 4-2 win over Elmira in 11 innings; Elmira knocked Geneva out of the playoffs last year. One of the Wings from last year's squad, Nick Spears (UTPA), had the eventual game-winning hit, a two-run single. Steve Forster (St. John's) is the only other returnee from last year. Pitcher Aaron Greenblatt (Northeastern) was a member of Watertown's Eastern Division playoff championship team in 2005...**Who's Hot:** Eddie Mendiola (Notre Dame) batted .364 with eight hits in seven games and drove in two runs...Nick Spears is the only Wing with a home run this season.

**Glens Falls:** The Golden Eagles went 34-6 in the regular season last year to win the Eastern Division championship. Glens Falls stands currently in second place in the division with a 4-3 record through the season's first week and a half. Glens Falls has scored 22 runs in four victories but managed just five in three defeats...Shane Davis (Canisius) threw the third no-hitter in franchise history with a no-no against Bennington on June 11. Mike LaFleur ('06) and Mike Wanamaker (Penn State) pitched the other two; Wanamaker's also came against the Bombers... The San Diego trio of Scott Denault, Jose Valerio and Nick McCoy arrived for this past weekend's action. Denault combined on a shutout of Little Falls with Ricky Anaya (FAU) on Sunday...Jonathan White (Vanderbilt) rejoined the team, he was named first-team All-NYCBL in 2006...**Who's Hot:** Kody Johnson (Pima CC) batted .393 with two home runs, six RBI, 11 hits and six runs scored. College teammate Stefen Romero (Pima CC) had three belts, three RBI and a team-high nine runs scored.

**Hornell:** After slow starts in each of the last two years, the Dodgers lead the Western Division with a 6-1 record. The last time Hornell won a division title (2005), it won the league championship...The Dodgers .292 team batting average and a 1.81 team ERA are the best in the league. They scored 50 runs in just seven games and haven't plated fewer than four. Hornell has scored seven or more runs in six-straight games...No Dodger pitcher has an ERA higher than 4.50 and eight of 10 hurlers have a sub-3.00 earned run average. The Blue and White have gotten off to a 6-1 start with just nine players starting all seven games...Hornell's only loss came to Niagara, 8-7, in 11 innings...They are the only team two with two NYCBL Player of the Day selections this year (Adam Gray, Jimmy Cornell)...**Who's Hot:** Adam Eggemeyer (SIU Edwardsville) is batted a team-high .452 with 14 hits, 10 runs scored, five RBI and one home run

**Little Falls:** Second-year manager Justin Gordon has skippered the team to a 4-4 record so far this season. Already, the Miners have played the Watertown Wizards three times this season, Little Falls won two of those meetings but fell, 4-3, in 13 innings to Watertown on Friday the 13th...The Miners opened the season 3-1 but dropped three of their last four games to close out the week...Closer Eric Fama (Rhode Island College) has been the rock of the Miners pitching staff. Through five appearances, Fama has two saves and 16 strikeouts in nine innings pitched...Little Falls wasted no time in starting the season with a bang, Andrew Stafford (Oakland) slugged a three-run home run in the top of the first inning against Watertown on opening night...**Who's Hot:** Jeff Lieneck (Wheaton, Mass.) hit .393 through the Miners' first eight games and he's tied for the team lead in hits with Andrew Stafford. Stafford is tops on the team with five runs batted in.

## Transactions Cont...

Hornell Dodgers  
-No transactions

Little Falls Miners  
-Signed Joaquin Valdes, assigned him #1  
-CHANGE, Jimmy Hoyt, #1 to #44  
-Signed Dave Wendt, assigned him #44  
-CHANGE, Jimmy Hoyt #44 to #19

Niagara Power  
-No transactions

Saratoga Phillies  
-Signed Chris Buss, assigned him #14  
-CHANGE, Dale Alberto #3 to #1  
-CHANGE, Dennis O'Grady #8 to #15  
-Assigned Nate Holland #26  
-Assigned Greg Annarummo #21  
-CHANGE: Dennis O'Grady #15 to #3  
-Assigned David Coleman #21  
-Assigned Jordan Wormsley #2  
-Assigned Kellen St. Luce #19

Watertown Wizards  
-Signed Tate Kelly, assigned #24  
-Signed Brett Fratzke

Webster Yankees  
-CHANGE, Mark Wiggins #34 to #18  
-CHANGE, Dustin Ramey #18 to #34  
-CHANGE, Jacob Bernath #36 to #46

## NYCBL Player of the Week Archives

June 6: Jared Freni, Little Falls  
June 7: J.D. Martinez, Saratoga  
June 8: Matt Miller, Allegany County  
June 9: Aaron Etchison, Webster  
June 10: Mike Augustine, Little Falls  
June 11: Shane Davis, Glens Falls  
June 12: Mike Fiers, Saratoga  
June 13: Adam Gray, Hornell  
June 14: Jimmy Cornell, Hornell  
June 15: Mitchell Eilenberg, Bennington

## WEEKLY TEAM NOTES

**Niagara:** You don't get a second chance to make a first impression. Niagara exploded for a franchise-record 20 runs on opening night in a 20-9 victory over Allegany County. The previous high was 17 against Webster last season...Inconsistency has plagued the Power, they scored seven or more runs in three wins but did not score more than three runs in four losses...Joel Blomberg (Embry-Riddle) and Drew Hollinghead (Mississippi State) are the lone returnees from last year's team...The brothers Leighton from Vanguard University have been a welcome addition to the Power. Tyson, the youngest, leads the team with a .350 batting average and seven hits in seven games. Zach, the eldest, has four hits, including two doubles, in four games...Harrison Helms (Niagara) was named All-NYCBL last year with the Bolivar Athletics. He is 1-1 with a 2.30 ERA in two starts for the Power this summer...**Who's Hot:** Joe Durham (Samford) had 10 hits, eight RBI and six runs scored in Niagara's first seven games.

**Saratoga:** Four games in 48 hours, one halted game and a monster start by J.D. Martinez (Nova Southeastern) highlighted the first week and a half of the season for Saratoga. The Phillies played a doubleheader at Bennington Saturday and then hosted Amsterdam in a pair of games one Sunday, one was resumed from a lightning delay earlier in the week...Mike Fiers (Nova Southeastern) led the NYCBL last summer in strikeouts, after two starts, he leads the league with 20 K's. He carried a no-hitter into the seventh against Watertown on June 12...Dennis O'Grady (Duke), Chris Buss (Old Dominion) and Vince Farfaglia (Francis Marion) all ended the week with four-game hitting streaks...Tom Luciano (Duke) is among the league leaders with seven stolen bases...**Who's Hot:** Chris Buss batted .290 over the Phils' first nine games with nine hits and five RBI. Nate Holland (Louisville) and Larry Pempek (NKU) each posted seven hits in eight games played.

**Watertown:** The last time Todd Kirkey was not the Wizards head coach, the team finished 13-29 under Paul Altieri in 2003. New manager Ryan Horning had his ups and downs over the season's first eight games as his team went 3-5...The Wizards pulled off three walk-off wins at home for all three of their victories. Jordan Kreke (Eastern Illinois) slammed a walk-off single against Saratoga on June 11, Brad Felder (Citadel) scored on a 13th-inning passed ball versus Little Falls on June 13 and Derek Marshall (Saint Rose) had a walk-off sacrifice fly to down Amsterdam on June 14...Opponents have outscored the Wizards, 33-24...Attendance wise, the Wizards lead the league and twice have had crowds at the Duffy Fairgrounds over 2,000...**Who's Hot:** Jordan Kreke joined the team after the opening weekend. He hit .450 (9-for-20) in five games with two RBI and three stolen bases. Relievers Greg Ferguson (Northeastern) and John Dischert (Maryland) have not allowed an earned run in four appearances each.

**Webster:** The Pinstripes just played six games over the first week and a half of the season. After a doubleheader on Saturday, Webster had Sunday off and then tangled with Brockport on Monday. After an off-day on Tuesday, the Yanks played just three more games...Webster scored a league season-high 24 runs in a 24-8 victory over Bolivar on June 7. The Yankees 24 runs scored on 21 hits and in a doubleheader sweep, they combined for 30 tallies...Webster is playing its June home games at the Rochester Institute of Technology. July home games will take place at St. John Fisher College's Dugan Yard...Geoff Dornes, a two-time Empire 8 Player of the Year at R.I.T. is the league's lone pitcher/designated hitter on the scorecard. He batted .375 in four games and was 1-0 in two pitching starts...**Who's Hot:** T.J. Baumet (Ball State) hit .385 (10-for-26) in the Yankees first six games with seven runs scored, three doubles, one triple and eight RBI. Reliever Sam Dawes (Miami, Ohio) was 2-0 in two relief appearances and allowed four hits in seven innings pitched.