



## 2008 NEW YORK COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE GAME DAY

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### MOHAWKS BEAT PHILLIES IN SHUTTLEWORTH SLUGFEST POWER ZAPS WINGS WITH 11 RUNS IN THE NINTH FRESNO STATE FORCES WINNER-TAKE-ALL TITLE GAME WITH GEORGIA

#### NYCBL STANDINGS

As of June 24, 2008 11:59 PM

Eastern	W	L	Pct.	GB
Glens Falls	10	3	.769	-
Amsterdam	10	4	.714	0.5
Bennington	7	7	.500	3.5
Little Falls	6	7	.462	4.0
Saratoga	5	10	.333	6.0
Watertown	3	10	.231	7.0

  

Western	W	L	Pct.	GB
Hornell	11	3	.786	-
Geneva	7	5	.583	3.0
Allegany Cty.	8	6	.571	3.0
Brockport	8	6	.571	3.0
Elmira	6	6	.500	4.0
Webster	5	7	.417	5.0
Niagara	5	9	.357	6.0
Bolivar	3	11	.214	8.0

#### \*\*\*\*\*Last Night's Scores\*\*\*\*\*

June 24, 2008

Watertown at Bennington – PPD Rain  
 Little Falls at Glens Falls (From 6/14) – PPD Rain  
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 Webster 7 Brockport 0  
 Amsterdam 14 Saratoga 9  
 Elmira 7 Allegany County 4  
 Hornell 4 Bolivar 3  
 Niagara 12 Geneva 4

#### Today's Schedule, Pitching Probables June 25, 2008

**Amsterdam at Bennington 5:00 PM**  
 Kaczmarek 1-0, 3.60 vs. Fyffe 1-0, 1.35  
 Southern Vermont College – Epstein Field

**Bolivar at Webster 5:00 PM**  
 Jenkins 1-0, 8.59 vs. Gionesi 0-2, 5.14  
 Rochester Institute of Technology

**Little Falls at Saratoga 7:00 PM**  
 TBA vs. Mikolas 0-2, 3.66  
 East Side Recreation Park

**Glens Falls at Watertown 7:00 PM**  
 Strickland 0-0, 0.00 vs. Kerski 0-0, 5.17  
 Alex T. Duffy Fairgrounds

**Geneva at Hornell 7:00 PM**  
 TBA vs. Tunison 2-0, 0.00  
 Maple City Park

**Brockport at Niagara 7:00 PM**  
 TBA vs. Willett 0-1, 4.66  
 Sal Maglie Stadium

#### ABOUT LAST NIGHT

##### Amsterdam 14 Saratoga 9

AMSTERDAM, N.Y. – The Mohawks erupted for six runs in the seventh inning to slug their way past the Phillies at Shuttleworth Park. Mark Onorati (Manhattan) lashed a go-ahead two-run single and Ben Clowe (Stanford) belted a grand slam as Amsterdam erased a 9-8 deficit. The wild contest featured 23 runs, 27 hits, six errors, seven pitchers, two ties and three half-innings with four runs or more. Amsterdam broke a 3-3 tie with a five-run fifth inning highlighted by back-to-back home runs from Mike Spina (Cincinnati) and Ben Clowe only to watch Saratoga crawl back into the game and take the lead with six-straight runs between the sixth and seventh. For Amsterdam, Mark Onorati, Mike Spina and Ben Clowe combined for eight runs scored and 10 RBI, Clowe had a game-high five runs batted in. J.D. Martinez (Nova Southeastern), Ty Hohman (Virginia Tech) and Larry Pempek (Northern Kentucky) all drove in two runs for the Phillies.

##### Niagara 12 Geneva 4

GENEVA, N.Y. – Niagara scored 11 runs in the ninth inning to cook the Red Wings on Tuesday night at McDonough Park. The Power's 11 ninth-inning runs scored on six hits and six errors. Joel Blomberg (Embry-Riddle) had the biggest hit of the rally, a game-tying, two-run single. Blomberg finished 3-for-6 with three RBI and two runs scored and Kyle Cabral (Franklin Pierce) was 4-for-6 with three RBI and three runs scored. Lost in defeat for Geneva, a five-hit shutout through six innings by starting pitcher Steve Forster (St. John's). Prior to Niagara's ninth-inning power surge, the Red Wings plated two in the eighth to take a 4-1 lead on a Nick Spears (Texas Pan-American) sacrifice fly and a John Sills (Holy Cross) RBI single.

##### Webster 7 Brockport 0

ROCHESTER, N.Y. – Adam Curynski (Southern Illinois) hurled a five-hit shutout over eight innings and the Yankees scored five runs over the first two innings to defeat their Rochester-area rivals. Curynski walked one, struck out four and retired 21 of the final 25 batters he faced. Webster plated three runs in the first on three Brockport errors and one hit, a two-run single by Adam Perlo (Hofstra). Back-to-back RBI singles in the second from Steve Muoio (Monroe CC) and T.J. Baumet (Ball State) gave the Pinstripes a five-run edge. Cory Brownsten (Pittsburgh) was 3-for-4 with three runs scored, T.J. Baumet had two hits and two RBI and Steve Muoio was 2-for-4 with a run scored.

##### Elmira 7 Allegany County 4

ELMIRA, N.Y. – Mike Mergenthaler (Richmond) went 2-for-4 with two runs batted in as the Pioneers rallied past the Nitros at Dunn Field. Mergenthaler keyed a three-run Elmira rally in the sixth inning with a go-ahead RBI single to break a 4-4 tie. Allegany County had taken the lead, 4-3, in the top half of the inning on a solo home run by Rob Fondu (Furman). Elmira's bullpen held the Nitros scoreless over the final three innings and combined for seven strikeouts. For the Pios, Chris Spatkowski (Pace) was 1-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored and Ryan Price (Saint Rose) had three hits and scored two runs. Alex Raetzloff (Webster) plated two Nitros runs and Ryan Holley (Binghamton) went 3-for-5 with one RBI.

## NYCBL Game of the Day

June 25, 2008

### Little Falls at Saratoga 7:00 PM

The last time the Miners were in Saratoga, they scored two runs in the ninth inning to rally past the Phillies and earn their first win at East Side Rec since 2006. Saratoga leads the season series, 2-1, but the last two meetings have been decided by two runs or less. Due to adverse weather, the Miners have not played since a Saturday doubleheader loss to at home to Bennington. Saratoga leads the all-time, regular-season series between the two teams, 16-4. The Phils also swept the Miners in the 2006 Eastern Division finals en route to a league championship.

## NYCBL Player of the Day

For June 24, 2008

**Ben Clowe, Amsterdam Mohawks**  
Stanford University

Ben Clowe, in his NYCBL debut, went 2-for-5 with two home runs and five RBI as Amsterdam outlasted Saratoga at Shuttleworth Park. Clowe joined the team on Sunday after competing for Stanford in the College World Series. He slammed a solo home run in the fifth inning for his first NYCBL hit. The Amsterdam backstop then capped off a six-run seventh inning with a grand slam over the Chain Monster in left field. Coincidentally, Clowe homered in Stanford's final game of the CWS. He mashed a three-run blast off UGA closer Joshua Fields in Stanford's 10-8 loss on Saturday.

### NYCBL Player of the Day Archives

June 19: Joe Scarlata, Allegany County

June 20: Kevin McGrath, Geneva

June 21: Tyson Leighton, Niagara

June 22: Jose Valerio, Glens Falls

June 23: N/A

## Attendance Report 2008

Based on reported attendance

Team	Avg.	Games	Total	High	Last
WAT	1351	7	9460	2562	1144
<b>AM</b>	<b>1218</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8531</b>	<b>2234</b>	<b>922</b>
GF	536	7	3757	1103	511
AC	404	8	3238	601	250
<b>ELM</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2942</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>240</b>
<b>HOR</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2267</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>138</b>
LF	268	8	2148	361	358
NIA	211	7	1479	409	155
<b>GEN</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>221</b>
SAR	177	5	887	250	210
BEN	102	7	715	150	100
BOL	71	7	499	96	87
<b>WEB</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>81</b>
BRK	70	5	351	89	81

## ABOUT LAST NIGHT CONT...

### Hornell 4 Bolivar 3

HORNELL, N.Y. – Trey Bennett (Mercyhurst) went 1-for-3 with three RBI and Adam Eggemeyer (SIU Edwardsville) scored two runs as the Dodgers won their 11th game of the season. Bennett broke a 1-1 tie in the third inning with a two-run single. He then plated Eggemeyer in the fifth with a sacrifice fly that proved to be the game-winning run. Bolivar led, 1-0, after two innings on a Brandon Barrington (Edward Waters) RBI single but could not get closer than one after a three-run Hornell third. Barrington and Hayden Moss (Arizona State) paced the Athletics with two hits apiece. Hornell's Matt Stewart (St. Bonaventure) allowed three runs over seven innings to earn his third win. Ryan Maxa (Gardner-Webb) and Josh Goodin (William Woods) each pitched a perfect frame to close out the game.

## COLLEGE WORLD SERIES UPDATE

\*Ryan Overland (Little Falls '06) went 1-for-3 with two RBI and Holden Sprague (Little Falls '06) pitched three and one-third innings of relief as Fresno State rallied from a 5-0 deficit to defeat David Perno's (Cortland '92-'96 mgr.) University of Georgia Bulldogs, 19-10, in the second game of a best-of-three series for the national title. A winner-take-game game for the College World Series championship will be played on Wednesday night at Johnny Rosenblatt Stadium.

Overland started at catcher for Fresno State and capped off a five-run fourth inning with a two-run single, giving his team an 11-6 lead. Holden Sprague entered in the third inning with Fresno State trailing, 5-0. Sprague closed out the third, held Georgia to a single run in the fourth and did not allow another run until being charged with four runs (two earned) in the seventh. While Sprague was on the mound, Fresno State scored 15-straight runs to take a commanding, 15-6, lead. Sprague earned the win; he allowed five runs (three earned) on eight hits and struck out three.

Perno was the head coach of the Northeastern Collegiate Baseball League's Cortland Apples from 1992 through 1996. Perno also played for the Apples during his undergraduate days at the University of Georgia. He was a member of UGA's 1990 national championship team.

Overland was a member of the 2006 Little Falls Diamond Miners. He was one of the Miners' representatives in the 2006 NYCBL All-Star Game. Overland played in all 45 of the Miners' regular season and playoff games and batted .263 with 17 RBI, 40 hits and 21 walks. Sprague was a relief pitcher and spot starter for the Diamond Miners. He made 12 appearances and went 2-4 with a 4.50 ERA. Sprague struck out 30 in 38 innings pitched.