

UCSSL 2024 PLAYOFF RESULTS

60's Divisions

Games for Week Ending July 28, 2024

Swan Hotel 13, Linwood II 3

In the opening game of this best of three 60s A Division semifinal series, Swan Hotel defeated Linwood II at Linden Memorial Park by a score of 13-3. Doug Fischer took the mound for the Swannies and was masterful, holding Linwood scoreless through the first five innings. He also helped the cause on offense going 2 for 2 on the night. Other hitting stars who were perfect at the plate for Swan were Marty Marks (2 for 2, HR, 4 RBIs), John Garced (2 for 2, 2 RBIs), and Tom Ulichny (2 for 2, 2 RBIs)

Deegan 18, Linwood Boys 10

Deegan Roofing came from behind twice to overtake the Linwood Boys 18-10. It was a back and forth game and was tied 10-10 through 4th inning. In the 5th inning Deegan pulled ahead for good. For the Roofers, Rob Hawk and Don Miller had four hits each. Lou Balasteros added three hits including a two-run triple. Sal Martino and John Rachko also had three hits each. For the Linwood Boys, Joe Ciampi, Jim Donahue, Vance Barfield, Joe Sarica and Anthony Joe all had two hits. Deegan Roofing leads this best of 3 A Division semifinal playoff series 1-0.

Yogi's Boys 19, Angry Joe's 7

Two Hits each by Ed Quinn, Bill Early, Scott Graham, Anthony Miccio, Ken Murra and Dave Rothenberg for Angry Joe's. Yogi's Boys leads this best of three B Division quarterfinal series 1-0

Kenilworth VFW 16, AJ Jersey 10

Kenilworth VFW defeated AJ Jersey Monday night to capture game one of its first-round best of three game series by a score of 16-10. Kenilworth VFW jumped out to a 16-5 lead after 4 innings only to see AJ Jersey climb back into the game with a 5 run fifth inning, cutting the lead to 16-10. But that's how it ended as both teams held each other scoreless the rest of the way. Kenilworth VFW was led by Bob D'Meo with 4 hits and 3 runs scored. Daniel Mendoza, Greg Hartnet, and Greg Thomas (who had a long triple as well) chipped in with 3 hits apiece.

NJ Gov. Services 14, DeBellis Associates 3

In their 1st round playoff game NJGS defeated DeBellis 14-3 sparked by 9 doubles. Gary Epstein and Rich Conklin added in a home run each. Joe Hrubash, Rich Conklin and Geno Raisley had 3 hits apiece. Tomas Cruz, Bill Moore, Frank Verducci, Gary Epstein, and James Massarelli added 2 hits each. Winning pitcher Carl Herman backed by solid defense brought home the victory.

Swan Hotel 19, Linwood II 5

In the second game of this 60s A Division semifinal series, it was once again Swan Hotel holding their opponents scoreless through the first five innings behind the pitching of Jimmy Jimenez. The Swannies went on to win 19-5 and capture the series 2-0. Mark Roll and Marty Bernstein were both 3 for 3 on the night for Swan, and Tom Ulichny recorded and inside the park home run.

Deegan 16, Linwood Boys 6

John Rachko pitched a fantastic game and Deegan flashed the leather throughout to win over the Linwood boys 16-6. Rob Hawk, Art Paradise, Sal Martino and John Rachko all had three hits each for the Roofers. Jeff Villani and Anthony Joe both homered for the Linwood Boys. Deegan Roofing captures this best of three A Division semifinal series 2-0.

AJ Jersey 15, Kenilworth VFW 1

In the second game of this first round division series between Kenilworth VFW and AJ Jersey, AJ jumped out to a 7-1 lead after three innings and never looked back as they coasted to a 15-1 victory over Kenilworth VFW, evening the best of three series at one game apiece. Keith Durrett led Kenilworth VFW with 2 hits.

NJ Gov. Services 15, DeBellis Associates 4

NJGS scored 6 runs in the 6th inning to break open a close 6-3 game. At the plate the G-men were led by Joe Attanasi (HR), Keith McDede, and Tomas Cruz with 3 hits each. Joe Hrubash, Rich Conklin, Anthony Abbaleo, James Massarelli, Dante Brando, Frank Verducci, and Geno Raisley added 2 hits each. Winning pitcher Carl Herman held the DeBellis bats in check. Gary Epstein playing up the middle led the solid infield G-men defense. NJGS captures this opening round best of three playoff series 2-0

Angry Joes 15, Yogi's Boys 0

There was great team defense and great pitching by Anthony Miccio to shut out Yogi's Boys. Angry Joe's awesome offense was led by Carmine Priore with 2 hits including a bases clearing triple. Kevin Carroll had a double and triple and Ed Quinn, Bill Early, Carlos Gonzalez, Anthony Miccio, Ken Murray, Jerry Gaeta and Gerard McDermott all had 2 hits

Games for Week Ending August 4, 2024

Swan Hotel 10, Deegan Roofing 4

In the opening game, of this best of three 60s "A" Division Championship Final, Deegan Roofing held a 4-1 lead heading into the fifth inning when the Swan bats finally came to life. The Swannies scored nine runs over the next two innings while pitcher Doug Fischer blanked the Deegan offense in the final three frames to capture the 10-4 victory. Hitting stars for the Swannies were Tom Ulichny and Marty Marks who were both 3 for 3 on the night. Tom Baldowski and Fischer added two hits each in the win. For the Roofers, John Rachko pitched an excellent game and Felix Velez had 3 hits.

Kenilworth VFW 12, AJ Jersey 10

Kenilworth VFW bounced back from a crushing defeat in Game 2 to take the rubber game of this tough 1st round series, defeating AJ Jersey by a score of 12-10. The game was tight throughout and the Veterans went into the final inning with a comfortable 12-7 lead. AJ Jersey would not go down easily, scoring 3 runs and having the tying runs on base before the final out was made. The Vets were led by Bob D'Meo, Bill McCormack, and Greg Hartnett with 3 hits apiece. Greg Thomas also had a 3 run homer for VFW.

Yogi's Boys 23, Angry Joe's 9

Yogi's Boys wins this quarterfinal best of three series 2-1 and moves on to the semifinals.

Deegan Roofing 17, Swan Hotel 13

Deegan Roofing evened the 60s "A" Division best of three Finals 1-1 by holding off a furious 7th inning 2-out comeback attempt by Swan to come out on top 17-13. John Rachko pitched an excellent game for Deegan, while the offense was led by Tom Donnelly with four hits. In addition, Chris Jones, Rob Hawk and Felix Velez had three hits each for the Roofers. Nick Russo led the Swannie bats with a perfect 4 for 4 night. Doug Fischer was 3 for 3 and Marty Marks was 2 for 2.

Yogi's Boys 10, Awnings Galore 8

In the 1st game of the B division best of three semifinal series, Yogis Boys jumped out to a 6-1 lead but the Awnings bats tied it up at 6-6 after 3 innings. With the score tied 8-8 after 5 innings, the Boys added 1 more run in the last two frames to capture the win. For the Shadesters, Jerry Isolda went 3-3 while Billy Hillyer contributed two hits, with a triple and double. Rich Traub had 2 hits including a double, as did Rick Demsey. John Campanella added a triple.

NJ Government Services 14, Kenilworth VFW 8

NJ Government Services defeated Kenilworth VFW by a score of 14-8 in the opening game of this best of three semifinal series. In a tightly played contest, The G-Men pulled away in the later innings to secure the victory. Carl Herman pitched a great game for NJGS and Frank Verducci's great catches in left field led a solid outfield defense. At the plate Joe Attanasi (HR) and John Llano had 4 hits each. Rich Conklin, Carl Herman (HR) and Dante Brando had 3 hits apiece. Steve Falco, Joe Hrubash and Bill Moore contributed 2 hits each. Anthony Aballeo's lead-off single in the 6th inning started the 5 run rally, Jame Massarelli's lead off double in the 7th started the 4-run rally which sealed the Gmen victory. The Veterans were led by Bob D'Meo, Greg Hartnett, Jose Santana, and Greg Thomas, each with 2 hits. Keith Durrett chipped in with a 2-run homer.

Games for Week Ending August 11, 2024

Swan Hotel 7, Deegan Roofing 4

In the third and final game of the UCSSL best of three 60s A Division championship series, Swan Hotel held on to capture their third consecutive championship by a score of 7-4 over Deegan Roofing. The final game of this highly competitive final series turned on pitching and defense. Swan's Doug Fischer and Deegan's John Ratchko held the bats fairly quiet throughout the night. The Swannie double play combination of Marty Bernstein to John Mazur to Tom Ulichny turned a key double play late in the game to quell a Roofer rally. Left center fielder Steve Barba made a highlight reel diving catch to open the top of the 7th inning to keep Deegan from getting anything started. The hitting star for Swan was the red-hot Tom Ulichny who was once again perfect at the plate (3 for 3). Brian Latham, Marty Marks, and Mark Roll added two hits each for the winning effort. For Deegan John Rachko pitched a fantastic game but the Roofers didn't stir up enough offense to win. Don Miller, Lou Balastriere and Johnny Rachko all had two hits.

Yogi's Boys 6, Awnings Galore 5

In the 2nd game of the semi-final round of the B-Division 60's playoff, Yogis Boys jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the 1st inning and held the lead through 6 innings. For the Shadesters, Tom Pasko's stellar pitching held the Boys scoreless in innings 2 through 6. In the top of the 7th, Awnings scored 2 to move ahead 5-4. But the Boys responded with two of their own in their bottom half of the 7th for a walk off win 6-5. It all started with Jerry Riepe's double, followed by a Steve Ferro single. With one out, Rich Pitonzo, crushed his 2nd double of the day to score 2 runs for the dramatic win. Yogis moves on to the final championship series as the Cinderella story continues. For the Shadesters, Rich Traub again led the offense with two hits and a triple. Billy Hillyer also tripled and went 3-3.

Kenilworth VFW 15, NJ Government Services 8

In a tightly contested battle, Kenilworth VFW held off NJ Government Services by a final score of 15-8, evening this semifinal round best of three series at one game apiece. Kenilworth broke a 4-4 tie in the third inning with six runs and never looked back. Kenilworth was led by Greg Hartnett and Juan Santana, each with 3 hits. At the plate for the Gmen, Joe Hrubash and Geno Raisley had three hits each. Joe Attanasi, John Llano, Carl Herman, and Dante Brando had 2 hits apiece.

Games for Week Ending August 18, 2024

NJ Governmental Services 22, Kenilworth VFW 5

NJGS bounced back from their second game loss to Kenilworth VFW to win the third game of this best of three 60s B Division semifinal series by a score of 22-5. Winning pitcher Carl Herman limited the VFW offense with the help of a strong left side defense led by Geno Raisley and Tomas Cruz in the infield, and Joe Attanasi and Frank Verducci in the outfield. At the plate Steve Falco, Joe Hrubash, Joe Attanasi, John Llano and Dante Brando had 4 hits each. Carl Herman, Rich Conklin, and Geno Raisley added 3 hits apiece. Gary Epstein in his debut behind the plate had several put outs. NJGS moves on to the 60s B Division Finals.

Games for Week Ending August 25, 2024

NJ Governmental Services 11, Yogi's Boys 10

In the first game of their best of three 60s B Division playoff series championship, , NJGS fell behind 7-4 when Yogi's plated 6 runs in the 5th inning. In the bottom of the 7th inning the Gmen were trailing by four and down to their last out. Then the magic happened as the Gmen bats came alive scoring 5 runs--their 5th on a base hit by Geno Raisley to claim the victory. Winning pitcher Carl Herman had 3 hits including a triple, while John Llano went 4 for 4. Joe Attanasi, Dante Brando, James Masserelli, and Gary Epstein added 2 hits each in the winning effort.

NJ Governmental Services 16, Yogi's Boys 12

In the second game of their best of three playoff series championship, NJGS plated all 16 of their runs and held a commanding lead through the first 5 innings. However, in the bottom of the 5th inning the Never Say Die Yogi's Boys scored 9 runs. Going to the bottom of the 7th inning, down by 4 runs, Yogi's Boys' first two batters reached base to start another rally. However, their next batter hit a hard-line drive toward second base which was caught by Gary Epstein and turned into a double play to stop the rally and eventually give the Gmen the victory and the championship. At the plate for the Gmen, Joe Attanasi went 5 for 5. Steve Falco, Frank Verducci, John Llano and winning pitcher Carl Herman (HR) added 3 hits each. James Massarelli and Geno Raisley (several great plays at third) added 2 hits each. NJ Governmental Services sweeps Yogi's Boys in a hard-fought playoff series to win the 60s B Division trophy.

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