

# UCSSL 2021 PLAYOFF RESULTS

## 50's Divisions

### Playoff Rounds for Week of August 8, 2021

#### **Sonia's BCE 12, Rocky's Bar & Grill 11**

Leading the charge for Sonia's, Ramon Martinez knocked in the go ahead run in the top of the 7<sup>th</sup> and Jaime Reyes made a game saving catch in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> to save the game with 2 runners on base. John Rachko and Jerry Isolda led the Rocky offense going 4 for 4, with the defense being solid throughout. Sonia's Leads the series 1-0.

#### **Linwood Tap House 21, Futon World 9**

The TapMen scored 6 runs in the 3rd inning to take the lead 9 to 4 and outscored their opponent 12 to 5 over the last four innings to earn the victory. At the plate for Linwood, Ronnie Patterson had 4 hits (HR), Dave Dudas went 4 for 4 (two 3B, 7 RBI), and Kevin Robinson and Steve D'Amato added 3 hits each. Contributing two hits apiece were Brian Latham, Richard Sergeant (HR) and Shawn Smith. Dave Dudas pitched a masterful game. For the Futon Boys, Billy Restaino (HR), Pat Peterpaul (HR) and Dave Wayman all smacked 3 hits. Linwood Leads the series 1-0.

#### **Deegan Roofing 14, Phenomenal Boyz 10**

Doug Fischer took the hill for Deegan and blanked the Boyz in four consecutive innings as the Roofer defense flashed the leather with some nifty defense behind him. Hitting stars for Deegan were Nelson Santiago (3 for 4, 3R), Damon Roth (3 for 4, HR, 3R, 4RBI), Scott Mugele (3 for 4, HR, 2B, 2R, 2RBI), and Tom Baldowski (2 for 2, two 2B, 3R, 2RBI.) Deegan Roofing Leads the series 1-0.

#### **Contact Lens & Vision 21, Cranford VFW 6**

The powerful CLV offense was led by Pablo Olivares with 5 hits, as Neil Kaufman (HR, 3B) and Carmelo Garcia (3B) added 4 hits each. Tim Walsh had 3 hits including a bases clearing double while Mike Ramirez, Tony Grabowsky, Matt Kasper, Mike Medina, Steve Wiczerak and Kerry Gelb all contributed. Sparkling defense from shortstop Tommy Dilardo and Mike Ramirez led to 3 double plays in support of the pitching of Wiczerak. Pablo Olivares was spectacular in left field. The 16 hits pounded out by the VFW was just not enough, with Juan Moreno, Dan Ravetier, Jeff Nicholls, John Rubinetti and Bob Ghiretti leading the charge.

Contact Lens & Vision Leads the series 1-0.

#### **Douglas VW 13, Jun's Pro Service 11**

After trailing 9-1 midway through the game, the Douglas VW bats came alive as they chipped away each inning until ultimately taking the lead in the bottom of the 6th. The VW hitting attack was led by Pat Mooney (3 for 3), Mike Shriner (3 for 4) and Geno Antonucci (3 for 4). Also contributing 2 hits were Al Genova, Mike Hoffmann, Billy Buteau and Rich Gaul. Farlan Alusik had the game winning hit with a go ahead two out single in the bottom of the 6th. The offensive highlight for Jun's was Joe Oporto hitting the fence in left three times on consecutive ABs. John Segledi was 3/4 at the plate as well. Defensively, Bruce Evans was in form at first with several nice picks and an alert 1-3 DP on a liner back to the pitcher. Dave Eckert displayed his strong right arm with accurate throws to second from right field. Douglas VW Leads the series 1-0.

#### **Suspenders 16, AJ Jersey 15**

AJ jumped out to a 13 to 4 lead in the top of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, but Suspenders batted around in the bottom of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Then in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup>, with a walk off line drive single into left by Frank Verducci, the Pubmen pulled out the win. Pounding out 28 hits, Suspenders had Roy Alexander go 5 for 5 (HR, 3RBI) and Frank Verducci went 4 for 5 (2RBI). Ricky Gregorio (3B, two 2B), Joe Michael (2H, 5RBI), Angelo Puerari (HR, 3RBI) supported another great performance on the mound for Carl Herman who added 3 hits and 3 RBIs in his own cause. For AJ, Jeff Hoffman, Gary Roman, Greg Hobson and Chuck Serafin had 3 hits each. Suspenders leads the series 1-0.

#### **Linwood TapHouse 22, Futon World 2**

Linwood plated 6 runs in the first frame and never looked back, cruising to victory. At the plate, in support of another great pitching performance from Dave Dudas, Ronnie Patterson had 4 hits (HR), and Mark Hochenberg, Steve D'Amato, Tim Mulhall and Shawn Smith each had 3 hits. Kevin Robinson and Richard Sergeant (bases loaded blast out the park) added two hits apiece.

Linwood Tap House wins the series 2-0 to move to the B Division semifinals.

#### **Rocky's Bar & Grill 22, Sonia's BCE 6**

Rocky's bounced back strong in game 2 with every batter crossing the plate and contributing to the offense. Larry Pacifico had 2 triples, Dave Martorano added a single, double and triple, Bill Hillyer had 3 singles, and Jerry Isolda contributed a double and 2 singles to spark the Barmen. Series tied 1-1.

### **Contact Lens & Vision 17, Cranford VFW 2**

Steve Wiczczak's great pitching and perfect 3 for 3 hitting led CLV to victory. Pablo Olivares was also perfect with 3 hits. Triples from Kerry Gelb, Vance Barfield and Jimmy Sydlo, and two hits each from Tony Grabowsky, Neil Kaufman, Tommy Dilorndo and Cobra Medina added to the offense. Great defense from Tim Walsh, Tommy Dilorndo, Mike Ramirez, Neil Kaufman and Cobra Medina carried Contact Lens to victory. Joe Mascali and John Rubinetti were notable at the plate for VFW.

Contact Lens & Vision wins the Series 2-0 to move to the B Division semifinals.

### **Linda's Driftwood #2 16, Garwood Metal 9**

Linda's led by a score of 5-0 after 4 innings and then stretched the lead to 11-0 with a six spot in the top of the 6th. As has been the case all season, the Metal Men battled back to 11-7 but fell short. Garwood Metal was led by Don Montefusco and Jose Jiminez with 3 hits apiece. Linda's Driftwood #2 leads the series 1-0.

## **Playoff Rounds for Week of August 15, 2021**

### **Garwood Metal 11, Linda's Driftwood #2 7**

Garwood jumped in front in the 1st inning, scoring 5 runs to grab a 5-0 lead. Linda's cut the lead to 7-4 at the end of 4 innings but the Metal Men withstood the heat and scored 4 runs to take an 11-4 lead into the 7th inning. Linda's D rallied but fell short in the bottom of the 7th inning. The Metal Benders were led by Ron Kulik and Whitey McCormack with 3 hits apiece. Series tied at 1 game each.

### **Rocky's Bar & Grill 23, Sonia's BCE 10**

Rocky's, enjoying a total team effort with two 6 run innings and two 5 run innings, along with a strong defense, advances. Every Rocky player crossed the plate and contributed a hit. Rocky's Bar & Grill wins the series 2-0 to move to the B Division Semifinals.

### **Douglas VW 21, Jun's Pro Service 13**

It was a back and forth game the whole way with a shorthanded Jun's team fighting to the very end. It took until the 6th inning for the Douglas VW bats to take control and then the defense finally shut it down. Leading the way for Douglas was Rich Gaul both on the mound and with his bat going 4 for 4. Also collecting 3 hits for Douglas were Al Genova (3B), Geno Antonucci, Dan Righetti (2B, 3B, HR), Mario Lopez and Hector Munoz. Reaching base 4 times were Farlan Alusik and Harold Zayas. Billy Bureau hit a monster home run to nail it shut in the 7th. For Jun's Walt Patrylo went 5 for 5 including a home run and some solid 3<sup>rd</sup> base defense, Pete Matarazzo turned a double play at 2nd while hitting missiles to center, Jose Lora provided a valiant effort on the mound for the first time this summer and hit a monster triple, Robbie Stratton provided solid hitting and fielding at short while stalwarts John Segledi/Tom Ulichny/Dave Eckert once again were the heart and soul of our team effort providing the speed and athleticism to cover the vast outfield 3-handed. Douglas VW Wins the Series 2-0 to move to the A Division Finals.

### **Suspenders 12, AJ Jersey 9**

For Suspenders, Erik Hastrop went 3 for 4 (2-2B, 2RBI, 4R), Ricky Gregorio (2H, 3B, 3RBI), and Brad Steele (2H, 3 RBI). Angelo Puerari, Carl Herman and Bob Dlugosz each had 2 hits with rest of team getting 1 hit each. Great team defense highlighted by a few good grabs by LC Roy Alexander in support of spot-on pitching by Carl Herman. Leading the AJ attack were Greg Hobson going 3 for 3 with 3 RBIs, while Steve Hobson and Rob Rowland both went 3 for 4. Suspenders wins the Series 2-0 to move into the C Division Finals.

## **Playoff Rounds for Week of August 22, 2021**

### **Deegan Roofing 16, Douglas VW 8**

Deegan pitcher Peter Appolito hurled a strong game behind some flawless defense with two double plays turned and yet another stellar play by catcher Joe Sheridan. Hitting stars for the Roofers were Damon Roth (4 for 4, 2R, 2RBI), Scott Mugele (3 for 4, 2 3B, 2B, 3R, 2RBI) and Marty Bernstein (3 for 4, 3RBI). Highlights offensively for Douglas VW were Dan Righetti (2B, 2 triples) and Al Genova who were both 3 for 4 while Farlan Alusik went 3 for 3. Gino Antonucci and Mike Shriner each collected 2 hits.

Deegan leads the A Division Finals 1-0.

### **All Pipes Plumbing 13, Contact Lens & Vision 8**

Carmelo Garcia, with a perfect 3 for 3 including a homer and 2 triples, and Tim Walsh with 2 hits, led the Contact Lens attack. All Pipes leads the B Division Semifinals series 1-0.

### **Linwood Tap House 8, Rocky's Bar & Grill 2**

The Linwood victory was achieved with two 4 run rallies started by the bottom of the batting order and 3 double plays on defense. At the plate for The Tap House, Shawn Smith, Tim Mulhall, Mark Grossman (triple), and Brian Latham (4 RBIs) had two hits each. Ron Patterson hit an out of the park 2 run homer. Dave Dudas limited Rocky's hitters to less than a dozen hits. Linwood leads the B Division Semifinals series 1-0.

### **Garwood Metal 14, Linda's Driftwood #2 6**

Garwood Metal took the rubber game of their 3-game series, defeating Linda's Driftwood by a score of 14 to 6. The Metal Men broke open a close 7-4 game by scoring 6 runs in the fifth inning and never looked back. The Driftwood men rallied for a couple in the last inning but fell a little short in this hard-fought series. Garwood was led by Ron Kulik, Carey Durrett, Don Montefusco, Greg Hartnett and Rory Caldwell, each with 3 hits. Rocky Pencinger, Jose Jimenez and Greg Hartnett added triples for the Metal Benders. Bill McCormack made some outstanding plays at third base. Garwood Metals Wins the C Division Semifinals series 2-1.

#### **Douglas VW 11, Deegan Roofing 6**

After a back and forth battle for five innings, the Douglas VW bats woke up in the bottom of the 6th, scoring six runs to take the lead for good. The stars of the game for VW were on defense with the outfield of Al Genova, Hector Munoz, Dan Righetti and Bill Buteau all making incredible catches to shut down the fierce Deegan offense. In the infield, Ralph Genova played a lights out 2B and Rich Gaul picked up the win on the mound. Offensively Farlan Alusik led the way going 3 for 3 while Al Genova, Mike Shriner, Ralph Genova, Dan Righetti and Bill Buteau all picked up 2 very big timely hits throughout the game to keep the offense rolling. For the Roofers, Damon Roth had a single, double and a triple. Charlie Collins and Kevin Spellman contributed two hits each. The A Division Finals tied at 1-1.

#### **Contact Lens & Vision 26, All Pipes Plumbing 12**

Anthony Miccio pitched and hit (3H) Contact Lens to victory. Other CLV notables at the plate were Neil Kauffman a perfect 5 for 5 (3B, 2B), Carmelo Garcia, Vance Barfield (3B) and Jim Sydlo each with 4 clutch hits. Pablo Olivares, Tim Walsh and Kerry Gelb added 3 hits apiece. Great defense and two hits each from Tony Grabowsky and Mike Ramirez. Tim Walsh played a great short and dazzled in the field. For the Plumbers, Alan Dente went 4 for 5 while Chris Jones and Matt Hoynowski each were 3 for 4. B Division Semifinals tied at 1-1.

#### **Linwood Tap House 18, Rocky's Bar & Grill 12**

Rocky's 8 run 7th inning rally was not enough to overcome a 14 run Tap House lead. At the plate for the Tap Men, Mark Hochenberg was 4 for 4, Kevin Robinson and pitcher Bill Sharkey were 3 for 3, Mark Grossman and Steve D'Amato (HR) both contributed 3 hits. Adding two hits each were Ron Patterson, Tim Mulhall, Paul Cassidy and Dave Dudas. Richard Sergeant hit a home run. Linwood Tap House wins the B Division Semifinals series 2-0.

#### **Suspenders 23, Garwood Metal 7**

After Garwood jumped out to an early 3-1 lead, Suspenders plated 6 runs to never look back. The Pubmen batting fourth through sixth scored a total of 16 runs while the entire lineup blasted 28 hits. The team defense was dazzling in support of Carl Herman who pitched another superlative game. Leadoff hitter Erik Hastrop went 5 for 5 (3 R, 3RBI), Angelo Puerari went 4 for 4 with a blast into the street, Brad Steele went 4 for 5 (4 RBI), Tony Taddeo, Ricky Gregorio, Roy Alexander, Carl Herman, Dave Reid and Frank Verducci all chimed in with 2 hits. Suspenders leads the C Division Finals series 1-0.

## **Playoff Rounds for Week of September 5, 2021**

#### **Deegan Roofing 12, Douglas VW 11**

Damon Roth continued his torrid playoff hitting going 3 for 3 with two doubles and a triple. Kevin Spellman, Marty Bernstein and Tom Baldowski provided two hits each for the Roofers. Nelson Santiago struck the big blow with a 3-run homer in the fifth and made an outstanding defensive play in the 6th. The VW boys, with the tying run left on third and the go ahead run on first, could not have battled any harder in this heartbreaking loss. Mike Shriner (2B, 3B) and Pat Mooney (2B) led the Douglas attack, both going 4 for 4. Also contributing were Mike Hoffman and Farlan Alusik, both 3 for 4, and Rich Gaul (3 for 3) who also kept the fierce Deegan hitting attack under control all day by shining on the mound. Deegan Roofing Wins the Series 2-1 and is A Division Champs for the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

#### **Suspenders 14, Garwood Metal 6**

The Pubmen drew first blood in the top of the first with a two out 3 run homer over the left field fence by third basemen Angelo Puerari, his second HR in the finals. Angelo finished 3 for 4 with 4 RBIs. Leadoff hitter Erik Hastrop continued his hot streak in the playoffs going 3 for 4 (2B, 2RBI), Ricky Gregorio 3 for 3, Bob Dlugosz 2 for 4, while leftfielder Frank Verducci and Dave Reid were both 2 for 3 with 2 RBIs. The rest of team chipped in with 1 hit each for a team total of 21 hits (48 hits total in 2 games). Suspenders' team defense and great pitching by Carl Herman throughout the playoffs brought home the championship. The Metal Men, never giving up, mounted a 4-run rally in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> frame. Don Montefusco and Bill McCormack sparked the Garwood attack with 2 hits each. Suspenders Wins the Series and C Division Championship 2-0.

#### **All Pipes Plumbing 20, Linwood Tap House 19 (9 Innings)**

The Victors were led by Alan Dente (walk off hit in 9<sup>th</sup>) and Mario Fastiggi, each with 4 hits. Dennis Maluchnik and Chris Jones added 3 hits each. For the Tap House, Mark Grossman was 4 for 4. Brian Latham, Steve D'Amato and Kevin Robinson had 3 hits each. Adding to the offense were Bill Sharkey, Richard Sergeant, Slope Rzewuski and Dave Dudas with 2 hits apiece. All Pipes Leads the Series 1-0.

#### **Linwood Tap House 22, All Pipes Plumbing 18**

Linwood built an early 18 to 7 lead, plated 4 more in the 6<sup>th</sup>, and then held off a late inning comeback attempt by a never say die Plumbing squad that scored 11 runs in the final innings. At the plate for the Barmen were Steve D'Amato, Richard Sergent, Brian Latham all with 4 hits. Eddie Kaminski, pitcher Dave Dudas and Kevin Robinson (3 for extra bases) added 3 hits each. All Pipes were led by Joe Han, Brian Clark, Chris Morrison, Vinny Rappa and Chris Jones, all with 4 hits. The Series is Tied at 1 Game Each.

**Linwood Tap House 16, All Pipes Plumbing 11**

The Tap Boys took an early 3 to 2 lead and kept the pedal to the metal both at the plate and in the field to take the deciding game over a determined Plumbing squad. Leading the attack were Bill Sharkey, Kevin Robinson, Steve D'Amato (3-2B) and Rich Sergent all with 4 hits. Mark Grossman (2-3B) and Tim Mulhall added 3 hits each, while Brian Latham and Dave Dudas, who played a great defensive game at first, pounded 2 hits apiece. Brian Clark and Alan Dente led the spirited All Pipes attack with 4 hits each. Linwood Tap House Wins the Series and B Division Championship 2-1.

**Playoff Rounds Completed**