

BASELINES

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone!

Well, we made it through opening day and it turned out to be a great day. The rain did not hamper anything. The banners were among the best we have ever had, what great artists we have in Mira Mesa West Little League. The ceremonies were great, and Brian Maienschein had a wonderful time. He was extremely grateful for the invitation.

I caught a little bit of every game played on Saturday, and saw some great baseball on the Major field. Every game was decided by a few runs or less. That is great competition. This season should be a great one.

I want to thank all the Parent volunteers who kept score, worked in the Snack Bar, or helped on the fields as a coach or umpire. We cannot have games without all these volunteers. Thanks again.

See you Saturday!
Kirk
President

SNACK BAR

Have you seen all the new items in our Snack Bar? Whether it's for breakfast or for lunch, we have been working hard to come up with some great new choices for you and your family.



As always, don't forget that snack bar tickets make a great and easy team snack treat. You can purchase tickets in any denomination – just ask at the window!

Cheryl Gillard
Michelenne Crab
MMWLL Concessions

FUNDRAISER MONEY DUE

If you have not turned in your fundraiser money from selling candy and/or Dominos cards, please turn it in immediately. Darla will be at the fields on Saturday, March 18, 2006, to collect the money. In the alternative, you may provide your money to your Team Representative, whom may turn it in to Darla. Thanks!

MMWLL NIGHT WITH THE SAN DIEGO GULLS

We are having a "Little League Night at the Gulls" on Saturday, April 1, 2006, at 7:05 p.m. at the IPayOne Center. The Gulls will be playing the Idaho Steelheads.

The giveaway is a beach visor. Tickets cost \$12.00 each, a portion of which will be donated to MMWLL. Please order a lot of tickets – be sure to include friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc. Arrangements may be made so that teams may sit together.

Darla will take orders at the field on the following Saturdays – March 18th and March 25th. The deadline to order tickets is March 25th. See the attached flyer/order form for additional information.

BANNER WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the MMWLL Opening Day Banner Contest.

T- Ball:
First place - Scrappers
Second place - Aquasox

Farm:
First place - Muckdogs
Second place – Rivercats

Minor:
First place - Thunder
Second place – Red Wings

Major:
First place – White Sox
Second place - Yankees

The first place teams received \$75 towards a team party, and the second place teams received \$50 towards a team party.

Thanks to all of you who worked so hard on the banners and participated in the contest. All the banners looked great!

LEAGUE WEBSITE

Be sure to check out the league's website (www.mmwll.org) for current information, contacts, local weather conditions, photos (coming soon), etc.

T-BALL HIGHLIGHTS

Callahan's Aquasox

The AQUASOX are celebrating their game and the opening day events because their banner won second place in the banner contest. Thanks Janine Marshall, team mom. The AQUASOX raffle winners were Robbie Dillard, Eric Marshall, Willy Yssel, Ryan Harms, Emily Hinojosa, Michaela Jacobs, and Taylor Grassi.

The AQUASOX had a great game. We started off with remarkable hits by Joey Diaz and Michaela Jacobs. It was good predictor of the hits to come. Robby Dillard and Eric Marshall showed how to hustle around the bases all the way home after amazing batting. Other excellent hits were made by Taylor Grassi, Willy Yssel, and Ryan Harms which lead to home runs.

The AQUASOX'S fielding was also magnificent. Great stops were made everywhere. Emily Hinojosa made a body-blocking stop on the first base line then tagged the runner out. Tristan Zirbel also displayed his fielding skills on the pitchers mound as he stop a ball hit in his direction. We also had exceptional hustle outfield by Ryan Michalski who ran to stop every ball hit his way. Joseph Jarvis demonstrated his skills at protecting home plate as catcher. Overall the team had an exceptional game filled with a lot of fun.

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Mets

The METS played their first game against the Riverdogs. The kids had fun chasing after the baseballs and trying to stop them. Some of the base runners even went after the batted baseballs. All the players on both teams had a terrific time and played their little hearts out. By the time the fourth inning started, most of the players wanted to know what kind of food was inside the ice chest. The important thing is that all of them had a great time and cannot wait till their next game.

FARM HIGHLIGHTS

Mojo Sounds Muckdogs

The MUCKDOGS started the 2006 season off with a bang. A few MUCKDOGS were lucky winners at the raffle. All the MUCKDOGS were excited to hear their banner took first place in the banner contest. With all the excitement at Opening Day, the MUCKDOGS were bound to do well at their first game of the season.

The MUCKDOGS started the season off with some heavy bats. The top of the line-up, Matt, George, Chris, and Jeremy, had a huge day at the plate – all going 3-for-3. Jeremy and Chris each hit their first doubles of the season. Carlos and Aldo also stepped up big with two hits apiece. Adam hit a shot to the hot corner, making it safe at first. Austin, in his Farm debut, hit a single in his first at bat. Nate had some nice shots to the right side, and Caitlyn hit a come-backer to the pitcher, nearly beating the throw. Kevin and Kris showed great determination at the plate, getting a piece of the ball every at bat. Great swinging, MUCKDOGS!

Defensively, the MUCKDOGS put on quite a display. Nate started

the game behind the plate, hustling after every pitch. Jeremy let nothing get by him at first, showing his incredible stretch. Chris showed his range at shortstop, as well as his strong arm with a perfect throw to first for an out. Atop the pitcher's mound, Matt was King of the Come-backers, making several great plays. George had great plays at every position he filled. At second, Austin had some nice stops. No balls came her way at second, but Caitlyn was ready every pitch. Kept busy at the hot corner was Adam. Carlross, Aldo, Kevin, and Kris did an awesome job covering the outfield – stopping everything coming their way.

Each and every player on the MUCKDOGS contributed in this game. It's going to be a fun season!

Special thanks go out to Manager Buddy and his awesome coaching staff. Also, thanks to the fans of the Raptors and MUCKDOGS. What a great turnout. Thanks for all the support! GO MUCKDOGS!

A & P Plumbing Rivercats

Baseball season is upon us again and the RIVERCATS started if off by winning 2nd place in the banner Contest. (Thanks Sue & Cherie) The winnings will sure help our end of the year pizza party. Let's Play Ball!

The RIVERCATS began the inning off out in the field. With gloves in hand the RIVERCATS were eager to take on the Ironbirds for their first game of the season. Bottom of the 1st the RIVERCATS started their line up with JORDAN W, TUCKER and NATHAN all veterans in the farm division. Next we had ENRIQUE, DOMINIC and ETHAN who all swung with intensity.

Top of the 2nd. The RIVERCATS defense stopped the Ironbirds from soaring around. Great play by DOMININC and JORDANS W on 1st base. In the bottom of the 2nd KEVIN tries his best with the bat followed by JORDAN F, BAKER, DORIAN and the new kid in town ALEX, who smacks it hard up center field. Go RIVERCATS!

In the 3rd Inning the RIVERCATS continued to play hard. With TUCKER on the pitchers mound he stops the ball and throws it to NATHAN on 1st for the out. Followed by a popup right into TUCKERS glove and then TUCKER does a spectacular dive catch and ends the inning with a bang. Bottom of the 3rd, PHILIP started the inning off with some great effort at the plate. And then we were back to the top of the line up for the RIVERCATS.

Top of the 4th the RIVERCATS had a tough inning but held their ground. Bottom of the 4th, DOMININC hits a fly to right field that drops in the hole for a double. EHTAN tries his best up to bat followed by KEVIN who hits a singles advancing DOMINIC. JORDAN F hits a single as DOMININC run though home plate. BAKER, DORIAN and ALEX all get another chance up to bat before the game is over.

Great game today boys, you all did awesome out there today. Game ball goes to TUCKER for diving through the air to catch a fly ball
Go RIVERCATS!

MINOR HIGHLIGHTS

San Diego Madres Red Wings

RED WINGS – 9
Thunder – 0

It was a great Opening Day for the RED WINGS on the baseball field.

A bit chilly but they all played their hearts out and played great together. RED WINGS were the visiting team so Nathan was the first one to head to the plate. He was walked and following him was his brother Stuart who had a nice solid hit sending him to first and Nathan to second. Chris was next and was walked as well, leaving Kaden to take care of some business. Kaden had a nice hit down the third baseline to take a stand at first. Jake was up and had a NICE solid double to center field to score a couple runs The RED WINGS ended the inning with 5 runs.

Kaden was first to take the mound and did an excellent job for his team. He faced batters and closed the inning quickly - he was throwing some heat. Awesome defense was showed amongst the RED WINGS on the field. Jake was at first, Zach took second, Stuart at short, Ashley at third, the infield was unstoppable. Dustin, Chris and Nathan played the outfield great. Kaden faced four batters and struck out three. Way to go kiddo.

The RED WINGS had a nice couple innings and really had the parents cheering. Kaden pitched three innings and did a great job - he had 6 strikeouts. Great pitching Kaden keep up the good work.

The Thunder got caught in a pickle from third to home. With Ashley playing third, and Jaden catching and Kaden on the mound between the three of them they all exchanged the ball and got caught in the action. Kaden made the tag out at home; no one was scoring on the WINGS!!

Zach took the mound fourth inning, showing some power with his arm with a 1, 2, 3 inning. Way to go ZOE! Dustin moved to second, Kyle at third, Nathan at first, Kaden took short they

showed, great defense, nothing passed them. Way to work together.

The sixth inning was a great inning for the kids, Zach, Kaden, Jake, Dustin, Kyle, Jaden and Ashley all got on base. They had some hits and some were walked but they all showed great base running. Roland swung the bat and had some great swings, way to swing the bat Roland.

The RED WINGS were determined NOT to let the Thunder score and that they did. They won the game 9-0.

Thanks to coach Rick for your support and help at third. And, to Coach Charles thanks for your support too, we'll take home another WIN for you next week.

To the parents - especially Jonita - thanks for taking the notes for Baselines, you did a fantastic job. And, to Shelley thanks for keeping score for us, you're a pro now. We hope to see the parents out there again cheering LOUD for the RED WINGS!

GO WINGS!!

Storm

Timber Rattlers – 4
STORM – 5

Great pitching was provided by both Aaron Iwasaki and Zachary Rogers. Zachary scored the winning run in the bottom of the sixth for the win. James Ludwick went 2-for-2 with a great catch at first, and Cyrus Amanonce called a great game from behind the plate as our catcher. The whole team had a great time and contributed in many ways for the win. Great job STORM!

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Timber Rattlers

TIMBER RATTLERS – 4
Storm – 5

It was a beautiful Saturday to start off the 2006 season. You could feel the excitement in the air as the TIMBER RATTLERS warmed up to play their first game of the season against the Storm.

Peter demonstrated great patience at the plate as he watched the pitches for a walk, advanced to 2nd and 3rd then stole home for the first run of the season! The crowd goes wild! Brandon slammed the ball for a base hit then advanced to 2nd and 3rd then stole home for the 2nd run of the game! Dominic clobbered the ball for a base hit, advanced to 2nd on a passed ball then quickly stole 3rd base. Great job team!

The team took the field with Peter pitching, Brandon catching, Felipe on 1st, Jacob at 2nd, Dominic defending 3rd base, Matt at shortstop, Austin in Left Field, Julian in Center and Micah in right field. Peter started his pitching debut as a TIMBER RATTLER striking out two of the batters. Matt made a great play from shortstop tagging the base runner between first and second base for the final out of the inning. Great job keeping the Storm from scoring TIMBER RATTLERS! Peter threw some great pitches striking out two batters. Felipe tagged 1st base for the final out of the second inning. Great team work guys.

Micah, Jonah and Tyrone showed lots of spirit at the plate in the 2nd inning. Jacob got the 3rd inning started with a walk to first base. Peter brought home Jacob with a smash to center field base hit RBI! Peter did an awesome job striking out three batters in the 3rd and again in the 4th innings.

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Austin took a walk to first base then stole his way around all the way to home for a run!

Felipe made his pitching debut as a TIMBER RATTLER striking out the side in the 5th inning!

Good game TIMBER RATTLERS. We are proud of each and every one of you. The game ball was presented to Peter for his awesome job pitching and hitting today. He went 3 for 3 with an RBI!

We are looking forward to a very exciting season under Manager John and Coaches Mark, Dave and Phil. Thank you for all of your hard work and support. A special thank you to Leonard our scorekeeper. A big THANK YOU to all the parents and kids who worked on the field it looks great. We look forward to playing the Red Wings next week.

GO TIMBER RATTLERS!!!!

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

Padres

Nationals – 5
PADRES – 6

Behind a strong pitching performance by Zackary Wines, the MMWLL PADRES opened the season with a 6-5 victory over the Nationals. After falling behind 4-1 in the first, the PADRES fought their way back to trail 5-3 going into the bottom of the fifth inning. Hits by Joseph Austria, Jonathan Hinojosa and a walk to Nick Cavell, setup a two run single by Kyle Beach that gave the Padres the lead. The Padres were led defensively by Wines' five strikeouts and solid play by the entire Padres infield. Wines was

the game ball recipient for his performance.

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Callahan's Red Sox

Callahan's RED SOX – 10
Yankees – 6

After a successful morning at Opening Day with a few players taking home prizes at the raffle, and scouting the competition throughout the day – the RED SOX were ready to take on the Yankees.

The RED SOX came up empty in the top of the first. They took the field in the bottom of the first, with Marcus high atop the mound. Brandon had a nice grab at second and threw to Adam at first for the first out of the inning. After a couple of runs crossed the plate for the Yankees, Marcus came up big with a strikeout to end the inning. Nice clutch pitching, Marcus! RED SOX 0, Yankees 2. In the top of the second, at the plate for his first at bat of the season, Alex crushed a double. After Tyler moved Alex to third, Alex charged home on a passed ball for the RED SOX's first run of the game. In the bottom of the second, Brandon and Adam hooked up again for an out. With two outs and a Yankee on third, Big Catch Jake fired the ball to Tyler to pick off the runner and bring the second to a quick close. RED SOX 1, Yankees 3.

The third proved to be the biggest inning for the RED SOX. They would take the lead and never look back. Adam led things off with a walk, followed by Brandon and Jake. Marcus approached the plate with bases loaded, and exploded with a huge base-clearing single. Mark brought Marcus home with a sacrifice. Awesome job RED SOX! The bottom of the third belonged to Tyler at the hot corner. With the

heavy hitters up for the Yankees, Tyler robbed three hits and threw to Adam at first for the outs. RED SOX 5, Yankees 3.

The RED SOX tried to start a rally in the fourth with a leadoff single by Tyler, followed by walk from Carlos; however, it came to a quick halt. In the bottom of the inning, Marcus, who was getting stronger and stronger as the game progressed, struck out the side in the fourth. RED SOX 5, Yankees 3.

Brandon drew his second walk of the day in the top of the fifth and came around to score. Marcus and Mark had back-to-back walks, and scored off of a big double from Tyler. In the bottom of the fifth, Brandon came in to relieve Marcus on the mound. After a strikeout, the Yankees started to come back with the big hitters stepping up to the plate. However, it soon ended with the glove of Adam at first, getting two unassisted outs. RED SOX 8, Yankees 6.

In the sixth, Brandon smacked a double, followed by a HUGE hit off the bat of Mark, touching all four bags. Way to hustle MARK! Off to the bottom of the sixth, Brandon proved to be a strong closer – striking out two and grabbing a come-backer and throwing it to Adam at first for the third and final out. RED SOX 10, Yankees 6.

The ENTIRE RED SOX team contributed to this win. It's going to be a fun season! Special thanks go out to Manager Larry, and his awesome coaching staff. Also, thanks to Janine for the great banner, and to the entire SCOREKEEPING crew (in advance). Lastly, thanks to all the Yankees and RED SOX fans. What a great turnout. Thanks for all the support!!! Good luck RED SOX at your first double-header next Saturday. GO RED SOX!

JUNIOR HIGHLIGHTS

No articles were provided.

Scores - March 4th

Minors

Timber Rattlers – 4
Storm – 5

Red Wings – 9
Thunder – 0

Majors

Nationals – 5
Padres – 6

Nationals – 9
White Sox – 8

Red Sox – 10
Yankees – 6

Juniors

Mira Mesa Dodgers – 15
Mira Mesa Giants – 5

STANDINGS

Minor Division

	W	L	Win%	GB
Red Wings	1	0	1.000	--
Storm	1	0	1.000	--
Thunder	0	1	0.000	1
Timber Rattlers	0	1	0.000	1

Major Division

	W	L	Win%	GB
Padres	1	0	1.000	--
Red Sox	1	0	1.000	--
Nationals	1	1	0.500	.5
White Sox	0	1	0.000	1
Yankees	0	1	0.000	1

Junior Division

	W	L	Win%	GB
Dodgers	1	0	1.000	--
Giants	0	1	0.000	1

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