

# The Greatest of All Sports Rivalries Comes to Life in Moraga

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Sitting in front row from Left to Right: Simon Vesely, Grant Bartis, Nicky Erickson, and Scott Zurnacian. Standing in back row from Left to Right: Mark Erickson,(Coach), Matt Zurnacian, Tommy Flynn, Dylan Caro, Jack Hattabaugh, Patrick Ratchford, Parker Duncan, Grady Eglin, and Steve Zurnacian,( Manager)

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Say what you want, Celtics-Lakers, Maple Leafs-Canadiens, Palmer-Nicklaus, none compare to Red Sox-Yankees. When the Moraga Baseball Associations Mustang Division held its championship game on Monday evening, June 9, that storied rivalry came to life as the Yankees met the Red Sox in a thrilling duel.

After the opening festivities that included the introduction of players, and the playing of the National Anthem, “The Mighty Sluggers of Yawkee Way” took no time in putting a run on the board. The Yankees quickly squelched the Red Sox rally, and in the bottom of the first the Yankees channeled “The Bronx Bombers” and batted around the order, gaining what turned out to be an insurmountable lead.

The Red Sox did not go quietly, and mounted several comeback attempts, but always the outstanding Yankee pitching and defense turned them away before any real damage was done. In the end, Bay Area native Joe DiMaggio smiled down upon his “Pin-Stripe” brethren and Yankees prevailed with a final score of 11-5.

Medallions and trophies were presented, and both teams displayed good sportsmanship as they applauded their competitors. The evening air was delightful, and if you listened very closely, somewhere on the cool breeze was the faint echo of Frank Sinatra crooning “New York, New York”.