

SPORTS

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MBA Box Scores for March 27-April 11, 2009

Submitted by Donald DePaolo

Moraga Baseball Association
Pony Division

April 4, 2009

Martinez Mad Dogs 12, Moraga A's 2
A's Highlights: Ryan Smith 1-2, 1 RS; Jason Hofmann 1-2, 1 RS; Nathaniel Armen 1-2, 1 RBI; Bradley Rochlin 3 IP, 5 K's.

Mad Dog Highlights: Danny R 3-4, 4 RBI's, 1 3B; Danny E 3-4, 3 RS; Devin 2-3, 3 RS

April 5, 2009

San Pablo Yankees 4, Moraga Tigers 3
Tigers Highlights: Matthew Barry 4 IP, 5 K, 1 H; Tyler Tekata 1 H, RBI; Hunter Drobenaire 1 RBI

Rodeo Buccaneers 6, Moraga A's 10
Buccaneer Highlights: Romell 2 IP, 3 K, 0 BB; Sean 3-4, 1 2B, 2 RS; Alfonso 3-3, 2B, 2 SB; Garrett 1-2, RS
A's Highlights: Spencer Nichols CG pitched, 16 K, 0 BB; Tommy Pride 1-1, RS; Jack Price 2-4, 2 RBI, RS; Will Moran 1-2, RS

Moraga Baseball Association
Bronco Division
March 27, 2009

Moraga Bears 14, Moraga Giants 3
Bears highlights: Russell Bruck 4-5, 4RS; Perry Walker, 3-4, 3 RS; Alex Gannett, 4IP, 3R, 6Ks; Sam Larson, 2-4, 2 2b. Giants highlights: Patrick Duryea, 3-3, 1RS; Josh Sherman, 1-4; Sam Phillips, 1-4, RS.

April 5, 2009

Moraga Nationals 9, Orinda Spartans 2
Nationals Highlights: Marty Cunnane, 3-4, RBI, 2 R, 2 SB; Brian Lyle 1-3, RBI, R, BB, 3 SB, 2 1/3 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 3 K; Tanner Hinds 1-4, RBI, R, SB; Jacob Molloy 1-4, 1 RBI, R, SB; Matthew Tuan, 4 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 3K, 0 BB.

April 11, 2009

Orinda Spartans 9, Moraga Mariners 2
Spartan Highlights: Jarret Perches 3-3, RS, 2 2B, 3 RBI; Will McConnell 1-2, 2B, RBI; Sam Miles RBI; Zach Wong 1-2, 2 RS.

Mariners Highlights: Sean Pappa 1-2, 2B, 3 IP 3K; Ramin Nazeri 1-2, RBI; Griffin Whiting RBI; DP: Parker Duncan to Damien Stoner.

Orinda Bombers 5, Moraga Nationals 5 (Tie game)
Nationals Highlights: Andrew Willmore, 2 R, 2 BB, 2 SB, 3 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 2 K; Matthew Tuan, 1-2, 2 R, 3 BB, 3 SB, 3 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 3 K; Michael Wright, 1-2, 2 BB, 3 SB; Tanner Hinds, 1 R, 3 BB, 2 SB.

Moraga Rays 8, Tara Hills 5

Rays Highlights: Jack Stephens 3IP, 4 hits, 1ER; Jake Rider W, 3IP, 5 hits, 4ER, 4K's; Patrick Ratchford 3-3, 2 RS, 1 RBI, 2B; Scott Chen 1-3, IRS, 1 RBI; Neil Kelley 1 for 3, 1 RS, 1 RBI; Chase Corallo 0-1, 2 RS, 2 BB's.

Moraga Baseball Association
Mustang Division
April 11, 2009

Moraga Orioles 14, Moraga Yankees 5
Orioles Highlights: Quinn Lyon 2 IP, 4 K's, 0 ER, 2 H, 0 BB, 2-3, 2RS; Jason West 1-1, 2 RBI, 2 RS, 2 BB, 3 SB; Nick Erickson 3-3, 2 2B, 2 RBI, 3 RS; Harry Curtis 2 IP, 2 K's, 0 ER, 0-1, 1 BB, 1 RS. Yankees Highlights: Trevin Kroichick 2-3, 2 RBI, RS; Parker Windatt 1-1, BB, RS, RBI; Michael Hooper, 1 IP, 2 K's, 0 ER, 1-2, RBI, 2 SB, 2 RS; Calvin Gee 2 IP, 3 ER, 3 K's, 1-3, 2 SB

Moraga Baseball Association
Pinto Division
April 11, 2009

Moraga Giant's 9, Moraga A's 4
Giants Highlights: Michael Crews 3-3,RS, 2RBI; Zoe Crouch 1-3,RS, Unassisted DP; Sam Ouzounian 2-3, 2RS, RBI A's Highlights: Bryson Lothamer 2-2; Beck Chambers 2-2, RS; Adrian Hyatt 2-2, Bryan Kikugawa 2-2, 2RS

Moraga Phillies 17, Moraga Cubs 6
Phillies highlights: Joe Arth 3-3, 2 BBI, 3 runs; Jake Chan 4-4, 2RBI, 2 runs; Stephen Chilimidos 3-4, 2 runs; Billy Woolsey 2-3, RBI, 2 runs. Cub highlights: Grant Harper 2-3, RBI, RS; Will Bishop 2-3, RBI, RS; Keoni Vuong 1-3, RBI, RS; Ryan Fritch 2-2, RS; CJ Rago 2-3, RS.

Lafayette Little League Scores, April 6 – April 11

Submitted by Todd Bequette

Majors Division, April 6 – 11

Dodgers 5, Cardinals 2

Jack Eisner was 2 for 2 and slammed a double off the left field fence to power the Dodgers. Matt Bostwick and Greg Genovese chipped in with two hits a piece and Ethan Lindgren drove in two insurance runs in the sixth with a clutch single.

Yankees 4, A's 3

Pitching and defense was key for the Yankees in a tight game at Buckeye Field. Will Brueckner pitched out of a bases loaded jam in the third, and struck out six in two and a third innings of work. Johnny O'Malley got the save with a scoreless 6th, the A's hopes dying when Brueckner and Ben Miller combined on a sparkling 6-3 putout. For the A's, Jake Berry, Cameron Dummire and Chris Hansen combined to strike out 8 Yankee hitters.

Giants 9, Cubs 6

With both teams missing key players, the teams combined for 18 hits. For the Cubs, Drew Ventrelle and Ryan Leamy each went 2 for 3 at the plate, while the Giants relied on a team effort and solid defense.

Cubs 15, Cardinals 7

The Cubs pounded out 18 hits, including 4 each from Tommy Henderson and Drew Ventrelle, 3 each from Will Price and Alexie Shurtz, and 2 from Leo Barakos. Will McCandless saved a run for the Cubs, throwing out a runner at the plate from left field, and Alexander Grace scored twice. The Cardinals rallied late, led by hits from Kyle Everly, Logan MacDonald, and Will McKay. Ben Lenz

pitched well in 2 innings of work and Trent Nemanic also collected a hit.

Yankees 12, Red Sox 1

The east coast rivalry went to the Yanks, as Johnny O'Malley, Ben Miller, Will Brueckner and Joey Hewitt all had multi-hit games. The Yankees pitchers combined for 12 strikeouts, limiting the Redsox to 2 hits, one each by Matt Jorgensen and Dylan Foster. Jorgensen also had a stellar day at shortstop for the Redlegs.

Giants 5, A's 0

Giants pitchers Jack Cassidy, Adam Remotto and Trevor Martinho dominated, allowing only 1 hit over 6 shut-out innings. In his Majors debut, having been called up from AAA, Sam Dinerman was 2 for 2 with a double and single. For the A's, Jake Berry went 1 for 2 and Cameron Dummire starred on the mound.

Angels 13, Dodgers 4

The Angels jumped to an early lead and never looked back. Doug Nimura and Bryan Stone drove in 3 Angel runs to back the solid pitching of Nimura, Cole Galagher, Jack Stryker, Max Flower and Grant Young. Jack Eisner ripped an RBI triple for the Dodgers and Tyler Henderson and Alex Baldwin both scored two runs.

AAA Division, April 6 – 11

Cubs 13, Mets 5

The Cubbies outslugged the Mets in the first game at Chaney Field after Spring Break. For the Mets, Joey Moran and

Dimitri Katsanos combined for three scoreless innings on the mound and Evan Levy scored two runs. Recent AA call-up Sungwoo Jun contributed with the glove and scored a run.

Yankees 16, Marlins 1

Yankee hurlers Kevin McConnell, Colin Fogarty, Matty Vicencio and Nicky Henderson combined on a 1-hitter while facing just 2 over the minimum. Meanwhile, the pinstripers got two hits each from Vicencio, Henderson, McConnell, Fogarty and Justin Plummer. For the Marlins, Jack Lewerenz and Jonathan Barnes were the offensive stars.

Dodgers 8, Cubs 2

Dexter Varrelman, Tyler Ewing and Thomas Higgins chipped in RBI singles for the winners as the Dodgers won the first of a double-header. Jason Cornell, Ewing and D'Amante all pitched scoreless innings for the Dodgers. For the Cubs, Michael Bone starred defensively.

Dodgers 6, Angels 5

The Dodgers won their second game of the day, topping the Angels in a nail-biter. Thomas Higgins was 2 for 3 with a double, triple and 3 RBI while Jason Cornel added another scoreless inning on the mound.

Yankees 12, Cardinals 6

Yankee slugger Justin Plummer carried the day, driving in 4 with a homer and a double. Ben Ross (2 hits, 1 run) and Kyle Bunting (1 hit, 1 run, 1 RBI) chipped in for the Yankees. The Cards got doubles from Kyle Ashburn and Nikolaus Moore and Jake Lillienstein scored 3 runs.

Power Hitter at Buckeye Field has Big Dreams

By Mikaela Cowles



Lafayette Little League's Alexie Shurtz at the plate
Photo Sheryl Cardiff



Shurtz rounds third, heading towards home
Photo Sheryl Cardiff


As Cubs player #14 approaches the plate at Lafayette Little League's Buckeye Field, it's as if the opposing team recognizes the jersey number of arguably the most famous Chicago Cubs player – big hitter Ernie Banks. The outfielders move deep. Really deep.

"She has incredible power," says Bob Brueckner,

the manager of this season's Yankees, another Little League Majors' team. "She can be fooled on a pitch and still one-hand it out of the park."

Yes – she. Meet 7th-grader Alexie Shurtz, one of those players everyone loves to watch this season, and not because she's the only girl wearing a Lafayette Little League Majors uniform, although she

is. It's because Alexie has that kind of break-out 12-year-old strength that makes watching Little League Majors ball exciting – a home run All-Star hitter who's also a formidable force on the pitching mound. The one-two skill punch that makes it easy to imagine Alexie achieving the collegiate athletic dream – Division I ball. Only it's not a baseball dream.





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Kendall's Double Sparks Comeback Win For Miramonte

By Kevin D. Shallat



Acalanes' left-handed pitcher John Treat on the mound
Photo Jordan Fong

Acalanes held a 2-1 advantage going into the final inning of play against Miramonte's baseball team on Wednesday, April 1, and were in position to continue their undefeated conference streak, and move to 4-0. However, Chris Kendall and the rest of the Matadors had other ideas, as Kendall's leadoff double led the final inning rally that capped off a 3-2 comeback home field win for Miramonte.

The Miramonte game started off as a relatively routine pitchers' duel. Both John Treat (Acalanes) and John Vaccaro (Miramonte) gave up only one run on five hits on the day. Yet, as the game progressed -- or rather, regressed -- the game took on a strange and unfamiliar turn, be-

coming anything but routine.

It started in the bottom of the second when Miramonte's Michael Mann was called out at the plate on a batter interference call. The umpire claimed the batter got in the way of the throw down to second on a steal attempt.

Miramonte was able to score the first run of the game in the bottom of the third inning when catcher Kevin Paulson lined a double to left field. Two batters later, center fielder Joey Epperson drove Paulson home



Miramonte's Kevin Paulson (left) and Joey Epperson celebrate win against Acalanes
Photo Jordan Fong

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