Sandlot 2009 Summer Hitting League Summary (Week 4)

Overall Summary:

Now that we have completed week #4 of the 2009 Summer Hitting League a number of great competitions are shaping up. In the boys 11U baseball division there are three teams tied at 3-1 while in the girls 11U softball division the entire group is seperated by only one game. There are no undefeated teams left which shows the balance in this seasons teams. Seven (7) of Twenty-One (21) hitters (about 33%) achived their personal high scores this past week (we did not consider the three hitters that were hitting for their first week). Great Job!

Junior Bracket Summary:

Homerun Hitters defeated Blue Thunder 90-52 handing the Thunder their first loss. All-Stars beat the newest addition the the league, Soap, by a 53-25 score. These combinations of wins created a three way tie for first place with records of 3-1 between Homerun Hitters, Blue Thunder, and All-Stars. Homerun Hitters has a mere 4 point lead overall in the tie-breaker. Blue Lightning bested Grand Slammers 46-25 to even their record at 2-2. Nathan Simmons, Stone Holt, and Tyler Miller all achieved their personal high scores during the week. Newcomers, Matthew Engebretsen, Matthew Newell, and Mike Cybert were welcomed to the league this week.

Freshmen Bracket Summary:

The Freshmen division hit entirely off the machines this week. A few hitters excelled this week. Andy Potter and Travis Garnett had their best "machine only" weeks to date. All hitters displayed tremendous effort and gave it their all this past week.

Softball Summary

Zoom put an end to Foam's unbeaten record with a 79-69 victory. Little Rascals downed Smack Attack by a score of 78-59. Chaos Lite enjoyed an easy BYE week with a 70 point uncontested score. Every team in the league is seperated by only a single game at this stage. Zoom, Little Rascals, Chaos Lite and Foam are in a four-way tie at 2-1 while Smack Attack is close behind at 1-2. Rachel Oliver and Journey Ferguson achieved their personal bests this week while several other hitters were just off the mark.A1

C.H.A.M.P.S. Summary:

C.H.A.M.P.S. stands for *Coachable, Honor, Attitude, Mentor, Perseverence, Sportsmanship*. These are the character traits that we stress in Sandlot programs in developing well rounded student-athletes. During Week #4, the C.H.A.M.P.S. focus was on the *Perseverence* trait. The C.H.A.M.P.S. letter during week #4 goes to Nathan Simmons. Nathan has been called upon for double duty hitting for several weeks while his partner battled an injury. Nathan was joined this week by a new teammate, Ashton Engebretsen. With a little help from Ashton, Blue Lightning gathered their second victory of the season and evened their record at 2-2. A great exhibition of *Perseverence* was exhibited by Nathan who hung in there until help came. Congratulations!