



## Nokona News: April 2010

April 28, 2010

### **First championship of 2010! Congratulations to our 10u Chiefs!**

#### **10u:**

The 10u team was victorious winning the final game 5-0 against the New England N'oreasters at the Inaugural Legends Spring Tournament in New Hampshire this weekend. The entire team made significant contributions in securing the championship. Connor Bowman pitched the final game and had a perfect game with 9 strikeouts through 5 innings. Connor was also one of Nokona's hottest hitters. Billy Seidl was a dominant throughout the tournament batting .875 with 2 home runs and was named the Tournament MVP. Billy capped off his weekend performance by relieving Bowman in the 6th with the bases loaded and no outs. Billy struck out the first batter on 3 pitches. The game then ended on an exciting play when Connor Bowman flagged down a shot down the third base line, stepping on third and firing home where Matt Venuto placed the game ending tag on the runner, securing the shutout. Venuto batted .700 (7 for 10) and was masterful behind the plate during the semi-final and final. Kyle Henderson, Ryan Courtwright, and Drew Courtwright pitched extremely well as starters and relievers to aid in advancing the team to the final game. Shane Leary and Ben Bonavire played flawless defense throughout the weekend. Alex Pappas had a tremendous tournament both offensively and defensively. Alex has been the team's best infielder this year and nearly saved Bowman's no-hit bid by making a spectacular leaping attempt in short right field from his second base position. Other standout players were Tyler Gray, batting .667, and Zach Zides, who was constantly on base allowing the big hitters a chance for multiple RBIs. The Chiefs continue tourney play next week in the Triple Crown Tournament in North Branford, CT.

#### **11u:**

The 11u Chiefs swept the South Shore Sea Dogs this weekend by scores of 13-9 and 18-6 in 4 innings. Jack DiCenso was the Game 1 winning pitcher with 3 quality innings and made a great diving catch in left field.

Offensive stars included Tim DiFiore (2 hits, 2 walks, 3 stolen bases), Max Moran (double, triple), Chris McGrory (2 hits, 2 RBI) and Pete Scibilia (triple).



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Matt Gray picked up the win in Game 2 with a 5k complete game performance. Gray also had 3 hits and 2 RBI. There were many offensive stars, including Jacob Morris (2 hits, 2 RBI, 2 stolen bases),

DiFiore (2 hits, 3 runs, 2 stolen bases), Will Thrun (3 hits, triple, 2 RBI), McGrory (2 hits, triple) and DiCenso (2 hits, 3 RBI). The chiefs scored 9 runs in the first and seven more in the third inning to blow the game open.

Nokona has 4 Super Division games this weekend against the New England Firebirds and the Worcester Heat.

### **12u:**

The Chiefs Sunday Doubleheader was cancelled. They continue with 4 Super division games this weekend vs. New England Diamond Dawgs and Legends Baseball.

### **13u:**

The Chiefs went 4-0 this weekend in Diamond Division action to remain undefeated in league play by pounding out 30 hits, playing solid defense and showing great pitching depth.

On Saturday, Nokona swept Athletes Edge by scores of 11-8 and 7-2. Offensively, Nokona was led by Isaiah Berg with 3 hits including a double and Drew Donahue had 2 hits and 4 RBI.

Picking up a win on the hill was Dylan Russo. On Sunday, Nokona swept Hit Doctor Diamond by scores of 7-5 and 9-5. In game one, Mike Power, Jared Turner and Mike Stamas delivered

2 hits apiece while Ben Porter picked up the win in a strong relief effort. In Game two, Ben Wanger and Power led the offense with 2 hits and 2 RBI's apiece with Isaiah Berg earning the win.

Nokona continues Diamond Division action this weekend vs the Malzone Bandits on Sunday.

### **14 Black:**

The 14U Nokona USA Black team swept a nonleague twin bill from the Tri-Boro



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Lightning on Sunday by scores of 2-1 and 10-5. Nokona committed just one error in the double header.

In the first game, Nokona (3-1) received a complete-game four-hitter from Conor Russell in an old fashioned pitchers duel. Nokona scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning with Ryan Fess delivering an RBI groundout. Matt Creonte was on base two with a single and two stolen bases for Nokona. In the nightcap, a nine-run third inning erased a 3-1 deficit as Nokona rolled. Owen Wohl did much of the damage with a long RBI triple and a two-run single in the decisive third. John Fadule drove home the go-ahead run with a line drive single to the opposite field and later threw out a would-be base stealer. Ryan Connolly added three hits, two RBI and two stolen bases while Creonte and Louis Shaevel also had two hits apiece. On the mound, Jack McManus earned the win with four innings of three-hit relief during which he struck out four batters. Tim Keville earned the save with two relief innings in which he struck out two and induced three ground ball outs. The Chiefs resume Super division play this weekend at the West Boylston Warriors.

### **14 Red:**

In 14u Diamond Division action, the Chiefs split a pair of games with the Boston Jr. Rams by winning Game One 7-2 and dropping Game Two 10-8 after a furious comeback fell short.

Andrew Haser, Moshup Gailbraith and Alex Joyce provided great pitching performances on the day. Offensively, the Chiefs were led by John Friday's Home Run and solid contributions from Mike Murray, Jesse Feldstein, Connor Rooney, Alex Perry, Gailbraith and Joyce. The Chiefs play 4 divisional games this weekend vs Legends Navy and the Boston Jr Rams.

### **April 21 Update**

The Nokona 11's and 13's brought home the first awards of the season by reaching the Championship Games at the CABA spring Classic in Georgetown, Delaware.

Both teams went 4-0 in pool and playoff rounds to reach the championship game and achieve the Silver Medal position. Nice job Chiefs!



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### **10u:**

Nokona swept Sunday's divisional matchup with Hit Doctor Diamond by scores of 10-0 and 15-0. Zack Zides was brilliant as the Game 1 starter while Shane Leary was equally effective in relief.

In Game 2, Billy Seidl was terrific on the mound, recording 4 strikeouts while yielding only 2 hits. Hit leaders for the doubleheader included: Matt Venuto 6 for 7, Zack Zides 4 for 5, Billy Seidl 3 for 4,

Connor Bowman 3 for 4, and Alex Pappas 3 for 6. Nokona is off to the Granite State this weekend to compete in the Legend's Spring Frost Tournament.

### **11u:**

The Chiefs played in the CABA Spring Classic in Georgetown Delaware this past weekend and won 4 straight games to reach the championship vs the fantastic Tri-State Arsenal Select team.

Nokona reached the Championship by defeating the Sussex Sliders from Delaware 3-2 and the NY Bandits 5-4 during pool play, with both victories coming in dramatic fashion. The Chiefs defeated the Delmarva Drillers in the quarterfinals 11-1, followed by a 15-0 shellacking of Tri-State Regional in the semifinals. The Chiefs were defeated in the Championship Game by the Tri-State Arsenal Select 7-0.

Details to follow!

### **12u:**

The 12u Chiefs played in the CABA Spring Classic in Georgetown Delaware this past weekend. The Chiefs went 1-2 overall for the tourney.

In game 1, the Chiefs defeated the Delaware Sabres 7-6 behind big hits by Nolan Kessinger, Ted Bakas and Alex Black. Kessinger and Geoff Holler were very effective on the mound in the victory.

In Game 2 vs a very good Arena Starz all star team comprised of players from 3 states, the Chiefs lost 5-4 in a well-played ballgame. Ted Bakas was phenomenal on the mound in defeat and Zeke Berg hit a 3-run bomb for an early lead. In Sunday's playoff action, the Chiefs lost to Thunderdawn Baseball from Delaware by a score of 7-1. Matt Trehub,



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Alex Black and Berg collected multiple hits. Trehub was very effective in a 3 inning relief stint.

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Nokona reached the Championship by defeating the Kingson Royals Select from Maryland 11-2 and the Cayuga Heat from NY 9-3 during pool play. The Chiefs defeated the Kingson Royals Select in the quarterfinals 10-2, followed by a 7-1 victory over the Warrington Mud Hens in the semifinals. The Chiefs were narrowly defeated in the Championship Game by the Tri-State Arsenal Select 4-3 in a great ballgame.

With contributions from the whole team, Ben Porter jacked one out of the park on Saturday , and Porter, Drew Donahue, Isaiah Berg, Mike Stamas and Mike Power provided great pitching throughout.

### **14 Black:**

Nokona's Super Division matchup in Easton vs Shoveltown Baseball was rained out this past weekend. Play continues this weekend vs the Tri-Boro Lightning on Sunday.

### **14 Red:**

In rain-delayed Diamond Division action on Sunday, the Chiefs dropped 2 games to the RI Reds by scores of 5-1 and 8-7 after leading in both games. Connor Rooney provided another quality outing while overpowering the Reds offense for 5 shutout innings in Game 1 with a great mix of pitches and left the game with a 1-0 lead. In Game 2, Andrew Haser, with another quality appearance, and Alex Berluti each pitched well, throwing a pair of impressive innings. The Reds outfield defense was the story of the doubleheader, robbing multiple extra base hits and preventing runs all day. Nokona was aggressive and scorched the ball throughout with great OF defense keeping the Chiefs from blowing open both games. Nokona continues play this Sunday at the Boston Jr Rams.



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### April 13 Update

#### 10U:

On Sunday, the 10u chiefs swept two divisional games from Royals Baseball by scores of 5-3 and 14-13.

Connor Bowman and Tyler Gray were masterful in game one. Gray was the offensive star (6 hits and 13 total bases) in the doubleheader, while Billy Seidl and Matt Venuto each homered. The Chiefs play Hit Doctor Diamond in a divisional matchup this weekend.

#### 11U:

The Chiefs went 2-2 in Super Division action this weekend dropping a pair on Saturday to the Legends and sweeping a pair on Sunday over the Boston Jr. Rams. The bats came alive and were led Saturday by Tim DiFiore who was on base 4 times including a big triple, and Pete Scibilia who was 4-5 on the day including a triple. Matt Gray was strong starting on the mound with a great relief performance by Max Lichtenstein. On Sunday, Will Thrun led the charge when he went 3-5 with 2 homers and 5 RBI, including a walk-off home run to help mercy-rule the Rams in game 2. Pete Scibilia went 4-6 with a homer as well, Cam Middleton went 4-6 with a homer and 4 runs scored and Bryan McGrath went 4-4 with 3 doubles and 3 RBI. McGrath also had a strong start in game 1 allowing only 1 earned run, and Jacob Morris came on to pitch 2 2/3 of no-hit relief, while striking out 6. Cam Middleton did a great job on the mound in game 2, going the complete game, needing only 50 pitches and gave up only 3 hits without an earned run. Max Moran had a great weekend behind the plate, logging 18 innings of work, and handling the staff with ease. The Chiefs travel to Georgetown, Delaware this weekend to participate in the CABA Spring Classic.

#### 12U:

The chiefs won 3 of 4 Super Division games this past weekend by exploding for 60 runs. On Saturday vs the Noreasters, the Chiefs won Game One 14-4 and lost Game Two 11-10. On Sunday vs Lightning Baseball, the Chiefs swept two games by scores of 16-6 and 19-9. The long list of contributors at the plate were led by Alex Black, James Fadule, Trehub and Bakas. 6 players had 7 or more RBI's each this weekend and the chiefs managed to hit 6 triples in one inning. Nokona received strong pitching performances by Ted Bakas, Matt Trehub and Nolan Kessinger. The Chiefs travel to Georgetown, Delaware this weekend to participate in the CABA Spring Classic.



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### **13U:**

Nokona swept a pair of Diamond Division games this past weekend over the South Coast Kings to kickoff their season by scores of 6-4 and 12-6.

Game 1 was well pitched by both teams. Ben Porter went 5 solid innings getting the win for the Chiefs, striking out nine.. Mike Power led the offense with three hits and drove in 2 runs. Connor Bacon drove in the Chiefs first two runs of the season with a double. Mike Power also picked up the save with two solid innings on the hill. In game 2, the 13U Chiefs trailed early, but an eight run comeback made the difference. Naushon Galbraith and Ben Porter had two hits and 2 rbi's each. Mike Stamas picked up the win on the hill. Benny Wanger closed out the win with two solid innings. The Chiefs pounded 11 hits and played solid defense throughout the day as they begin the season.

The Chiefs travel to Georgetown, Delaware this weekend to participate in the CABA Spring Classic.

### **14U Black:**

Nokona won their opening game of the season in dramatic fashion and went on to split a non-divisional doubleheader against the Bay State Stars. Down 3 runs in game 1, the Chiefs stormed back with 9 straight runs to win 15-9. Tristan Lee, Josh Ufland and Matt Creonte all went 3-4 in the game to spark the offense. Brian Boon provided 4+ innings of shutout relief in to earn the comeback win on the mound. In a game 2 loss, Ufland picked up 2 more hits and his 3<sup>rd</sup> RBI of the day to lead the offense. Connor Russell went 3 solid innings on the hill allowing 1 run and striking out 4. The Chiefs play Shoveltown Baseball in a super division matchup this weekend.

### **14U Red:**

The Chiefs dropped a pair of Diamond Division games to the Rhode Island Baseball club by scores of 4-1 and 8-5. Mike Murray and Alex Perry had 3 hits apiece while Jesse Feldstein and JT Pittman added 2 apiece. Murray also scored 2 runs and added a double in addition to a stellar relief performance. Connor Rooney contributed a great 4 inning pitching performance and Perry had a solid 3 inning stint as well.

The Chiefs play the NH Timbercats and Rhode Island Reds in Diamond division matchups this weekend.



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Good Luck in Delaware to the 11u, 12u & 13u Chiefs!

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#### 12U Update:

The 12u Nokona Chiefs swept a non-divisional doubleheader from the Worcester Heat Saturday with 11-7 and 13-7 victories. The numerous offensive stars (28 hits) included big multi-hit games from Zeke Berg, Matt Trehub, Ted Bakas and Connor Henderson. Jake Keating hit the first HR of the season to break open Game 2 with a 6<sup>th</sup> inning blast. The Chiefs played solid defense throughout, led by Jack Marsjanik at 2B and Nolan Kessinger in RF. Nokona received stellar relief pitching performances from Geoff Holler and Henderson in game 1 and a shutdown effort from Kessinger in Game 2. The Chiefs will begin league play next Saturday against the Noreasters and Sunday vs the Lightning.

#### 11U Update:

The 11u Chiefs opened their Super Division season by splitting a doubleheader vs the Worcester Heat on Saturday. The Heat won game one 3-2, while Nokona won game two 18-0 in 4 innings. Blake Gallagher and Brian McGrath combined to pitch Game 1 while allowing no earned runs. Cam Middleton earned the win in game two with 4 no-hit shutout innings. Leading the offense was Pete Scibilia with 4 hits & 5 RBI's. Middleton had 4 hits & 5 runs scored, Max Moran had 3 hits & 2 doubles, while McGrath also contributed 3 hits. The Chiefs will continue league play next Saturday against Legends Navy and Sunday vs the Boston Jr. Rams.

#### 10U Update:

The 10u Chiefs split a non-divisional doubleheader with the Rhode Island Reds on Saturday. Nokona won game one 8-2 and the Reds won game two 5-4. Matt Venuto led the offense with 3 hits, while Zack Zides stole 5 bases. The combination of Connor Bowman, Matthew Simon, Ben Bonavire and Zack Zides pitched great in the game 1 win. Ryan and Drew Courtwright were effective in game 2. Kyle Henderson closed with 2 scoreless innings. The Chiefs will begin league play next Sunday against the Royals.

Three Nokona Big Diamond teams open their season Sunday of this weekend!