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Alex Joyce (14u) becomes the first Nokona player to hit it out of St Mark's Barton Field!

10u:

The 10u team took both games from the WildCats to finish divisional play with a perfect 10-0 record.

Game 1: Nokona 12 - WildCats 7 - Shane Leary led the way by pitching near flawless baseball for the first 4 innings. Alex Pappas did a great job in relief to secure victory.

Game 2: Nokona 13 - WildCats 4 - Zach Zides pounded the strike zone over 4 strong innings. Matt Venuto closed out the game in relief. This was Zides' 4th victory in divisional play giving him a share of the lead among all pitchers in the New England AAU baseball. Terrific offensive performances were delivered by several players:

Connor Bowman, 6 for 7 with 2 Doubles; Alex Pappas 4 for 5 with a triple; Billy Seidl 3 for 6 with a triple; Matt Venuto 3 for 5 with a Home run and a Double; Tyler Gray 2 for 4 with a Home run and a Double.

The 10u team split a non-divisional game with the Rhode Island Reds on Sunday. Game 1: Nokona 15 - Reds 2

Billy Seidl was dominating in 3 innings while Ryan Courtwright cleaned up the final 3 outs to secure the victory for the 10u team.

Game 2: Reds 15 – Nokona 10 Nokona used several pitchers during the second game, including Ben Bonavire, who worked hard over the final 2 innings to aid his team to make it into extra innings. The Reds scored 5 in the extra frame and held on to secure the game 2 victory.

In Game 2, down 4 runs with 2 outs in the 6th and no one on base, the Nokona offense scored 4 times to tie the game. The big hit came from Shane Leary who tripled to drive in the 9th and 10th runs to force extra innings. Terrific offensive performances were



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delivered by several players: Tyler Gray 5 for 5; Matt Venuto 5 for 6; Shane Leary 4 for 5; Alex Pappas 4 for 6.

The Chiefs improved to 22-3 overall and travels to Long Island for the Triple Crown Memorial Day Shootout this weekend.

11u:

Nokona went 3-1 in the Legends Showdown Tournament in Kensington, NH. The Chiefs dominated the field before losing in the Championship game to Legends Navy 5-1. Matt Gray represented Nokona on the All-Tournament team after going 10-11 with 2 home runs, 8 runs scored, 10 RBI, 1 bb, and 2 sb in just 4 games. He also pitched an excellent game in the championship. It was an excellent showing by all the boys, as they each had a key part in contributing on a great weekend.

Game 1 - v Legends Gold - Won 16-0 in 3 innings, scored 13 runs in the 2nd. Offensive Stars - Pete Scibilia 2-2, 3 runs, 1 homer, 3 rbi; Blake Gallagher 1-3 homer; Max Moran, Max Lichtenstein and Will Thrun combined 6-6 with 6 rbi. Pitching - Will Thrun - 3 inning, complete game shutout.

Game 2 - v Concord Cannons - Won 9-6 - scored 5 runs in the top of the 6th for the come from behind win. Offensive Stars - Matt Gray 3-3, 2 homers, 5 rbi; Jack DiCenso 1-3 with a big 2-out, 2 rbi single in the 6th inning. Pitching - Max Lichtenstein came on for 4 innings of relief to get the win. 4 ip, 1 er, 4ks - great job!

Game 3 - Semi-Finals v Boston Jr Rams - Won 12-2 in 4 inning. Offensive Stars - Scibilia 3-3, 3 runs, 2b, homer, 3 rbi; Gallagher 2-3, 2 runs, 2 homers, 5 rbi, Thrun 2-3, 2b, 2 rbi . Pitching - Cam Middleton - 4 inning complete game - needed only 49 pitches and was in complete control. Defense - Jacob Morris had a great game at short stop making several key plays for Nokona. Game 4 - Finals v Legends Navy - Lost 5-1 - great overall game - unfortunately left 8 guys on base, 5 in scoring position.

Offensive Stars - Chris McGrory 2-3 with 2 singles; Max Moran 2-2 with a double; Cam Middleton knocked in the lone run with an rbi single that plated Jack DiCenso.

Pitching - Matt Gray pitched a great game, going 4 2/3 innings, striking out 8, and giving up 4 earned runs against a very good Legends team.



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The Chiefs overall record is 16-7 as they head to Long Island for the Triple Crown Memorial Day Shootout this weekend.

12u:

Nokona split a very well played Super Division doubleheader on Saturday vs the Worcester Heat Red team. The Heat won Game One 2-0 and Nokona won Game Two 2-1. It was a very crisp defensive showing by both clubs. Nolan Kessinger pitched a complete game 5-hitter in Game One and Matt Trehub pitched a 4 hitter to earn the victory in Game Two. Both outings were impressive.

The Chiefs record is 8-4 in the Super Division and 15-6 overall as they travel to Long Island for the Triple Crown Memorial Day Shootout this weekend.

13u:

Nokona suffered their first Diamond division losses of the season Saturday vs the NE Firebirds by scores of 6-3 and 6-1. On Sunday, Nokona split with the Scorpions by losing Game One 8-1 and Winning Game two 13-3.

The Chiefs record stands at 8-2 in the Diamond Division and 17-4 overall as they travel to Long Island for the Triple Crown Memorial Day Shootout this weekend.

14 Black:

Nokona 14 Black split its Sunday Super Division doubleheader at the Plympton Crush in Wrentham, MA. The Crush won Game One 8-6 and Nokona won Game Two 7-5.

Nokona allowed three unearned runs in the opening game as the Crush held on for a close 8-6 victory. In the second game, all five of Plympton's runs were unearned but Nokona was able to fend off the home team in a 7-5 victory. Brendan Thurber had a big day offensively, batting 3-for-4 with three walks and four stolen bases including a steal of home in the second game. Louis Shaevel had three hits including two doubles to go with two steals and Tim Keville was 4-for-7 on the day with three run-scoring hits. Keville also earned a save in the second contest.

In the opener, Ryan Connolly got the start and threw five effective innings while striking out two. In the second game, Tristan Lee broke open a 1-1 game in the third inning with a ringing three-run triple to left field as part of a six-run inning for Nokona. Nokona carried a 7-1 lead into the seventh inning when two errors and a passed ball led to four runs and put a runner at third with two outs. Keville came in from third base



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and induced a game-ending grounder to make a winner of Brian Boon, who got the win with four innings of scoreless relief in which he allowed just two singles.

The Chiefs record stands at 6-6 overall as they travel to Long Island for the Triple Crown Memorial Day Shootout this weekend.

14 Red:

In 14u Diamond Division action, The Chiefs split 2 games vs Athletes Edge on Sunday, dropping Game One 5-2 despite a 7th inning lead and winning Game Two by a score of 10-4. Alex Joyce became the first Nokona player to hit a HR out of St Mark's Barton Field. Impressively, he had joined roughly 10 other players 3 innings prior when he one-hopped one over the hedges for a double at about the 360' before the big blast!

The Chiefs travel to participate in the Elite Perfect Game tourney in Bristol CT this weekend.

May 18th Update

Nokona 12u Pitcher Matt Trehub throws a complete game No-Hitter!

10u:

Nokona faced a must win challenge for divisional supremacy on Sunday when it faced the 2nd place Quincy Red Stockings. The Chiefs were up to the challenge and swept the doubleheader 16-0 and 6-5. The wins guarantee first place in the division and a spot in the field of 16 competing in the New England Regional Championship.

In Game 1, Zach Zides was perfect through 3 innings on the mound while the offense was virtually unstoppable. Zach finished his outing without allowing a hit or a run. In Game 2, several players adjusted well to new positions, while tandem of Connor Bowman and Ryan Courtwright pitched effectively to secure the victory. Offensive Stars for the day: Matt Venuto was 5 for 6 with 2 doubles and a homer,

Tyler Gray was 4 for 6 with 2 doubles and 2 triples, Alex Pappas was 4 for 5 and had several key hits, Connor Bowman was 3 for 4 with 3 triples and Zach Zides had 3 hits on the day.



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On Saturday, Nokona also swept their doubleheader against the Worcester Heat 10-9 and 12-2. Kyle Henderson and Ryan Courtwright picked up the mound victories with fine outings.

The Chiefs improved to 19-2 with the 4 victories this weekend. The team's last divisional opponent is next up as the Wildcats travel to Ashland on Saturday.

11u:

Nokona split 2 games on Sunday against a tough Rhode Island Rays team. Nokona won Game one 11-10 and lost Game two 12-9. The Game 1 victory was the first loss of the season for the Rays.

During Game 1, Nokona came back from a 9-3 deficit to win the game. Matt Gray had an outstanding 5 inning relief performance, striking out 5 to pick up the win. Gray also had a 2 out – 2 RBI double to give Nokona the lead in the 5th. Blake Gallagher returned to the lineup and went 4-4 with 4 RBI, including a 3 run homer. Pete Scibilia went 3-4 with a double and a triple.

Game 2 was another great comeback that fell just short. Cam Middleton went 4 1/3 strong innings on the mound. Offensively, Jack DiCenso was 3-4 with 2 RBI, Gray was 2-2 with a double and a triple, Will Thrun was 1-1 with a triple and Max Lichtenstein was 2-4 with a double and RBI. Defensively, Jacob Morris had a solid day at short stop, making 2 key plays to get Nokona out of jams.

The Chiefs overall record is 13-6 as they head to New Hampshire this weekend for the Legends 11u Tourney.

12u:

Nokona went 4-0 this past weekend to improve to 12-5 overall and 7-3 in the Super Division. On Saturday, the Chiefs swept TMB by scores of 14-2 and 12-10. Jack Mileszko pitched a complete game in Game 1 to pick up the win and contributed a key double in Game 2 during a furious 6th inning comeback. The Chiefs won the game in the bottom of the 7th with a dramatic 2 run walk off Home Run by Ted Bakas deep over the centerfield fence.

Jack Marsjanik, Zeke Berg and Alex Black had key hits on the day, while Black and Geoff Holler pitched well. On Sunday, Nokona swept a Super Division doubleheader from Athletes Edge by scores of 8-4 and 8-0.



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In Game 1, Nolan Kessinger pitched a complete game gem for the victory. Matt Trehub pitched a no hitter in dominant fashion for the Game 2 victory. Trehub showed great command of all his pitches in the efficient effort. Kessinger made a great defensive play in centerfield to help the cause. Marsjanik (leadoff HR, 5 hits) & Bakas (two triples, 4 hits) supplied the fireworks offensively in both games.

The Chiefs have another Super division matchup this weekend as they travel to the Worcester Heat on Saturday.

13u:

Nokona 13u continued Diamond Division action this weekend by sweeping a pair from the Boston Jr Rams on Sunday by scores of 6-5 and 11-3. The Chiefs improved to 8-0 in the Diamond Division and 16-1 overall.

In game one, Griffin Rogers knocked in the winning run with a single. Ben Porter picked up his fourth win in relief for the Chiefs. In game two, Nokona showed their strong depth. Porter had three hits and three RBI while Curtis Beatrice and Dylan Russo combined to hold the Rams to five hits. The Chiefs travel to play the NE Firebirds and the Scorpions this weekend.

14 Black:

Nokona 14 Black split its Sunday doubleheader at the Royals Baseball Academy in East Bridgewater. Nokona had 10 hits and stole seven bases in winning the opener, 12-2. The Black team was unable to hold a 6-4 lead in the nightcap however, as the Royals scored four times in the seventh inning to win, 8-6. In the opener, Conor Russell struck out the side in the third inning and allowed just one hit in the first three frames with four strikeouts. Tim Keville scattered four hits in the final four innings with one earned run to pick up the victory. Owen Wohl was 3-for-5 with a double and three RBI while Tristan Lee was 2-for-4 with two stolen bases.

In the second game, Nokona stole six more bases but stranded seven runners in scoring position. Wohl had another good offensive game with a pair of RBI doubles in three at bats while Lee had two more hits and Louis Shaevel had a pair of hard-hit line drives. Brendan Thurber walked twice and stole two bases while throwing a scoreless inning of relief. Russell hit a sacrifice fly and singled. The Chiefs continue Super Division action on Sunday at the Plympton Crush.



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14 Red:

In 14u Diamond Division action, The Chiefs split 2 games vs the NE Diamond Dawgs on Saturday and dropped 2 games to the NH Timbercats on Sunday. Details to follow.

The Chiefs host Athlete's Edge this weekend in a divisional matchup.

May 12th Update

All Games rained out except 10u and 14u Mother's Day Doubleheaders!

10u:

Nokona pounded out 34 hits en route to sweeping a doubleheader 12 - 2 and 9 - 1 against the Baystate Bulldogs in Sunday Divisional action .

Zack Zides led the charge by going 5 for 6 from his the leadoff spot in the order. Billy Seidl had 4 hits, including a home run. Tyler Gray and Connor Bowman each collected 4 hits as well. Billy Seidl and Drew Courtwright were terrific as pitchers in game 1 allowing only 2 runs. Zach Zides threw 4 excellent and efficient innings in game 2 allowing just 1 run. Connor Bowman entered a 1-1 contest and picked up the win by pitching 2 perfect innings while the offense exploded to put the game out of reach.

Other hitting stars were Ryan Courtwright (3 hits with a triple), Alex Pappas and Matt Venuto also had 3 hits. Kyle Henderson, Nick Bakas, and Shane Leary all had 2 hits.

The 10u Chiefs remain perfect in league play with a 6-0 record.

14 Black:

Nokona hosted the Central MA Mustangs Sunday in a Mother's Day tilt at Barton Field. Nokona received a valuable lesson in focus and intensity in the opener as it turned a 6-2 seventh inning lead into a 14-6 extra innings loss. The Chiefs rebounded by scoring four first inning runs in the nightcap en route to a 15-4 win. In the opener, Conor Russell struck out five batters and allowed just three singles in five innings of work as Nokona built a 6-2 lead on the strength of RBI hits from John Fadule (single), Josh Ufland (triple) and Tristan Lee who launched solo home run to center field and

later added a sacrifice fly. Central Mass would score 12 times in the next two innings on four hits while Nokona walked seven batters and committed four errors. Ufland had two hits while Owen Wohl had a hit and was on base twice. Louis Shaevel also earned



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mention as he read a CMM pitcher's look pattern with runners at second base and stole third standing up. In the second game, Lee batted 4-for-4 with three RBI while Tim Keville had a pair of doubles including a three-run shot in the first inning. Shaevel, Matt Creonte, Brendan Thurber, Ryan Fess, Fadule and Ufland all reached base at least twice while Jack McManus had a single, two walks and a sacrifice fly. Russell added a pinch hit single and got an outfield assist on a perfect relay from right to Creonte at first base and Fess blocking the plate.

Brian Boon earned the win as he walked just two batters in four innings. Ryan Connolly struck out a batter in a scoreless fifth.

May 5th Update

10u Nokona strikes Gold again with second Championship in 2 weeks!

10u:

The 10u Chiefs completed another successful weekend by capturing the Triple Crown Tournament Championship in North Branford, CT. The team's near flawless defense, aggressive baserunning, and a potent hitting attack proved too much for any of the Chief's opponents as the team finished with a perfect 5 - 0 record. There were several stars: Tyler Gray had 3 home runs, 11 total hits, 11 runs scored, and batted .733; Billy Seidl had 2 home runs, 11 runs scored, 11 total hits and batted .647; Connor Bowman had 1 home run and batted .889; Alex Pappas had 1 home run (Grand Slam), 11 runs scored, 7 total hits, and batted .467; Matt Venuto 11 total hits and batted .917; Zach Zides 10 total hits and batted .769; Ryan Courtwright 5 total hits and batted .500. Nick Bakas had 3 hits and starred in multiple defensive roles. Pitching stars were aplenty: Game 1: Tyler Gray went 2 solid innings while Billy Seidl closed the door. Game 2: Ben Bonavire went 5 outstanding innings to aid the team to the number 2 seed. Ben's composure under pressure showed why he's one of Nokona's #1 competitors. Matt Venuto, in a tied game inherited a bases loaded, no out situation in the bottom of the 6th. He struck out the first 2 batters he faced and then induced an inning ending groundout. Drew Courtwright cleaned up the extra inning game to secure victory. Playoff Game 1: Zach Zides was outstanding as he went the distance to send the team into the semi-final game. Semi-Final: Kyle Henderson started and was very strong early. Drew Courtwright followed and pitched with great poise to help secure a trip to the finals for the Chiefs. Final Game: Connor 'The Machine' Bowman was near



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flawless as usual, tossing 3 strong innings to get to the Chief's closer, Billy Seidl. Billy finished strong for Nokona, sitting down the final opposition hitters to secure another title for the 10u team. Special Note: In hot, humid weather Saturday and Sunday, Drew Courtwright provided the bulk of the catching duties. He was the 'horse' that the team road to get to the finals and ultimately win the championship.

11u:

Nokona 11u had a solid 3-1 weekend in the Super Division. On Saturday, the Chiefs split with the NE Firebirds , winning 14-7 in Game 1 and dropping Game 2 10-9.

Game 1 Hitting Stars included Bryan McGrath (3-4, 2 doubles, 3 RBI) and Will Thrun (3-4, 2 RBI). Matt Gray earned the win by pitching 4 strong innings. Game 2 Hitting stars included Pete Scibilia (3-4, HR, 2 RBI), McGrath (2-3, 2 doubles), Tim DiFiore (2-2, triple), Thrun (2-3, triple) and Gray (2-4, triple). Chris McGrory provided 3 1/3 of solid relief on the hill. Defensively, Max Lichtenstein had a great day at 2b.

On Sunday, Nokona swept the Worcester Heat Red 12-2 and 11-4. Game 1 Hitting stars included McGrath (3-3, 2 doubles, 3 RBI) Jack DiCenso (2-2) and Scibilia (2-3, HR, 2 RBI). Pitching in Game 1, Bryan McGrath threw a 1 earned run complete game. Game 2 Hitting stars included Cam Middleton (3-3, double, 2 SB), Scibilia (2-4, 2 doubles), Lichtenstein (double) and Jacob Morris (2-3, 2 runs). Middleton spun a complete game on the hill for the win. Defensively, Max Moran put in 2 solid games behind the plate and DiFiore made a great play in right field in the 5th inning to kill a Heat rally.

Super division play continues with Athletes Edge on Saturday.

12u:

The Chiefs went 2-2 in Super Division play this past weekend. Nokona took two from the New England Diamond Dawgs on Saturday and dropped two to Legends Baseball on Sunday. On Saturday, Nokona won Game 1 in dramatic fashion 5-4. Nolan Kessinger had a solid start on the mound, while Matt Trehub shut the door with runners on in the top of the 6th. In the bottom of the sixth, Alex Black had the big game-winning double to drive in Jake Keating with the winning run. Jack Milescko and Trehub had 2 hits apiece. In Game 2, the Chiefs won 11-3. Ted Bakas had a big 3R Home Run and Milescko hit 2 doubles and drove in 4 runs for the chiefs.



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Brian Creonte went the distance on the hill with a complete game gem. On Sunday, Matt Trehub drove in 2 runs and Ted Bakas made a trio of highlight plays at Shortstop to highlight the day. Nokona travels to Team CT Baseball this weekend.

13u:

Nokona continued Diamond Division action this weekend vs the Malzone Bandits on Sunday. The 13U Chiefs won both games by scores of 13-4 & 13-2 to remain undefeated in the division. Game 1 hittings stars were Andrew Donohue (3-4 with 2 doubles and 3 RBI) and Benny Wanger (4 RBI). On the mound, Ben Porter collected 7 Ks through 5 innings en route to the win. In Game 2, Ben Porter, Benny Wanger and Curtis Beatrice went a combined 6-6 with 4 RBI, while Dillon Russo earned the win by allowing only 2 hits in 5 innings of work. David Morrison made a great running catch on a ball to deep right-center. Overall, Curtis Beatrice, Andrew Donohue, and Isaiah Berg had 4 hits each. Benny Wanger and Connor Bacon had 3 hits each and combined for 9 RBI on the day. The Chiefs travel to play Mass Pride this weekend.

14 Black:

The Chiefs dropped a pair of Super division games this past weekend at the West Boylston Warriors. Details to follow. Nokona host the Central MA Mustangs this Sunday in a Mother's Day tilt.

14 Red:

In 14u Diamond Division action, The Chiefs went 2-2 by sweeping Legends Baseball on Saturday and being swept by the Boston Jr Rams on Sunday. Details to follow.

The Chiefs travel to play Mass Pride this weekend.