

FINAL STANDINGS AS OF AUGUST 01, 2011

Keep in mind that we still have eligibility issues (Every Team played at least 15 games) and right now 7-games seem to be our cut off which represents just under half each of our teams games. I have some requests for waivers of eligibility for certain players but none that I have spoken to every manager about yet. There have been some questions about certain names and team's rosters that I am in the process of dealing with so you will be getting a call from me.

	WINS	LOSSES	WIN %
#1 Utica Angels	12	4	.750
#2 Lowville Bulls	11	5	.688
#3 Boonville Sluggers	10	5	.667
#4 Rome Bombers	8	7	.533
#5 Camden Blue Sox	7	9	.438
#6 Morrisville Hubs	6	9	.400
#7 NY Mills Rebels	4	11	.267
#8 NY Wildmen	4	12	.250

See - 8 Team - Double elimination Bracket on Web Site

(Higher Seed is Home Team Through out Playoffs)

Sun August 7th

Griffiss #1

Game (A) 1:00PM #8 NY Wildmen vs #1 Utica Angels (H)
Game (F) 3:30PM Winner Game (A) vs Winner Game (B)

Griffiss #2

Game (B) 1:00PM #5 Camden Blue Sox vs #4 Rome Bombers (H)
Game (L1) 3:30PM Loser (A) vs Loser (B)

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Game (D) 12:00PM #6 Morrisville Hubs vs #3 Boonville Sluggers (H)
Game (L2) 3:30PM Loser Game (C) vs Loser Game (D)

Lowville

Game (C) 12:00PM #7 NY Mills Rebels vs #2 Lowville Bulls (H)
Game (E) 3:30PM Winner Game (C) vs Winner Game (D)

[The Umps will be notified that there is some travel and all the 2nd games will start when all the traveling teams are ready... please don't see this as a green light to take your time-do your best to get there as soon as possible]

The Play-off Schedule

I have gone over many scenarios several times and this is the best possible way to have the first round completed in the fairest allowable fashion. For those teams who have to travel, I thank you in advance for being cooperative. I feel due to field availability that these are our highest quality fields and the best options for us to be playing on Sunday.

Things that I considered in making this decision for everyone to know:

RFA took their fencing down and they store it in the dugouts so this eliminated that field. I have no desires to physically take the fencing out of each dugout to use a field with no fence. Had we used RFA and kept the 8 games in Rome we would have had to consider the following-

- Teams would be playing at 11:00AM and two loser's bracket teams would need to be waiting around till possibly 5:30 to play another game.
- With only three field in Rome and trying to keep games closer together we would have had to split the first round of games and play it in two separate weeks... not a chance I'd like to take with any possibility of rain in week two.

The Play-off offer to all teams this past weekend was to play your first game any night Wed thru Sat to possibly alleviate this issue but the only ones who agreed to do it were the higher seeded teams (#1 thru #4). This forces everything (8 games) to be played on Sunday only.

The advantage of how the brackets fell worked out where #3 Boonville and #2 Lowville being higher seeds, their pools ended up needing to play each other in the crossover which made sense in keeping these games closer to each other.

With Morrisville (traveling the furthest) playing their first game in Boonville, If they lose they can stay put. If they win I am sure they won't mind driving the extra 15 min up the Rt 12 to Lowville to play in a 2nd round winner's bracket game. In the same scenario, if Boonville wins they are local and it won't be that devastating for them to drive up to Lowville for the winner's bracket game either.

Having all the higher seeds get their Home Game for the first round of playoffs was our original plan at the beginning of the season!
I just wasn't sure back in May that it would work out had the brackets ended different.

There are other smaller issues but I feel with all things considered this first round schedule is best for all.

Again, thanks for the cooperation!

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