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OUT AT HOME - **Billy Maloney**, Milgram Mustang catcher, holds onto the ball after tagging **Jordan Barba**, Midwest Orioles second baseman, at home in the first game of a doubleheader June 24 at Missouri 3&2 Stadium. The Mustangs won 8-7 in eight innings.

The 2014 story is the rain

A little over a month is gone in the 2014 Ban Johnson League season and the big story in the first month has been rain and more rain.

Veteran observers of the league say that this has been the worse season since 1993 for rainouts.

Going into the games of June 24, there had been 47 games postponed by rain.

The rain has kept Executive Director **Bob McFarlane** busy finding fields and dates to make up the games.

Managers, players and fans are encouraged to look at the leagues website: www.bjbaseball.com for up to the minute rescheduling of games.

As of June 25, games have been rescheduled through July 13.

One of the early leaders in the race for first-place in

the regular season is the Milgram Mustangs.

“Veteran leadership has been a key to our early success,” manager **Kevin Shaw** said. “Their leadership along with a whole team that picks each other up gives us a chance to win each game.”

Shaw pointed towards several veteran players like outfielder **Sam Morman** and pitchers **Ryan Lasneske** and **Dakota Graham**.

“Sam started the season hot and driving in runs, followed by a brief lull where he never lost his sense of team or humor while other picked him up. Now he’s back to driving in runs. Everyone has fun when Sam is around.

“Ryan Lasneske was lights out in his first three starts, including a no-hitter broken up in the seventh,

See rain, page 8

Notable Numbers presented by Independence Ridge Apts.

(Statistics are through June 20)

Batting Average

(based on a minimum of 23 at bats)

1. Taylor Davis, Natural Baseball	.500
2. Bryan Porting, Regal Plastics	.464
3. Anthony Miller, Seaboard	.458
4. Luke Luschetti, Regal Plastics	.441
5. Seth Lieser, Mikdwest Orioles	.438
6. Tristan Perkins, Building Champions Navy	.435
7. Dylan Heitz, Building Champions Gold	.429
8. Brett Anderson, Building Champions Gold	.420
9. Austin Evans, Bandits	.419
10. Erik Ross, UMB Bank	.393

Home Runs

1. Danny Kralicek, UMB Bank	2
1. Andrew Warner, Seaboard	2
1. Connor Arcobasso, NKC Apartments	2
1. Zach Morgan, Mid-AmeriCare Nationals	2
1. Dylan Christie, Milgram Mustangs	2
1. Evan Bourn, Building Chamions Navy	2
1. Sam Chadick, Building Chamions Gold	2
1. Bryan Rezin, BJ Raiders	2
1. Alec Witt, Bandits	2
10, (22 tied with one each)	

Runs Batted In

1. Austin Evans, Bandits	13
2. Alec Witt, Bandits	12
2. Brett Anderson, Building Champions Gold	12
2. Bryan Rezin, BJ Raiders	12
5. Ian Barker, Midwest Orioles	11
5. Sam Morman, Milgram Mustangs	11

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7. Evan Bourn, Building Champions Navy	10
7. Eric Benson, Bandits	10
9. (Five tied with nine each)	

Pitching Earned Run Average

(based on a minimum of 10 innings)

1. Cade Brummer, MSBL Royals	1.10
2. Ryan Lasneske, Milgram Mustangs	1.17
3. Logan Baush, Midwest Orioles	1.42
4. Grant Kuecker, Building Champions Navy	1.62
5. Stefan Weinrich, UMB Bank	1.71
6. Matthew Wasche, Regal Plastics	1.93
7. Alex Duvall, Bandits	2.00
8. Brandon Martinkus, Natural Baseball Academy	2.04
9. Milan Pleacher, BJ Raiders	2.14
10. Eric Smith, BJ Raiders	2.46

Strikeouts

1. Ryan Lasneske, Milgram Mustangs	25
2. Milan Pleacher, BJ Raiders	24
3. Zachary Masel, Midwest Orioles	23
4. Logan Taylor, MidAmeriCare Nationals	21
5. Cade Brummer, MSBL Royals	20
6. Sean Goostree, MidAmeriCare Nationals	19
6. John Rector, MidAmeriCare Nationals	19
6. Luke Burnidge, NKC Apartments	19
9. (three tied with 18 each)	

Ban Johnson League Standings

(thru June 23)

	W	L	GB
Seaboard	8	2	0.5
Milgram Mustangs	12	5	----
BJ Raiders	10	5	1.0
Natural Baseball	9	6	2.0
Building Champions Navy	6	7	3.5
NKC Apts.	6	7	4.0
MidAmeriCare Nationals	8	9	4.0
Midwest Orioles	6	8	4.5
Regal Plastics	6	8	4.5
UMB Bank	5	8	5.0
MSBL Royals	5	8	5.0
Bandits	5	9	5.5
Building Champions Gold	5	9	5.5

Notes from around the league

Players taken in draft

There were three former BJ players taken in the 2014 MLB First-Year Player Draft.

John Means, a left-handed pitcher who played for Building Champions in 2011, was drafted in the 11th round by the Orioles.

He played high school baseball at Gardner-Edgerton and at West Virginia.

He signed with Baltimore.

Third baseman **Chase Rader** was drafted in the 16th round by the Tigers. He played at SM Northwest and Coffeyville CC. He played for KC SportsClub Blues in the BJ.

BV North graduate catcher **Sean McHugh** was drafted in the 18th round by the Phillies. He played at Purdue and with Building Champions in 2010 and 2011.

He signed with Philadelphia.

Spring player honors

Spring honors for BJ players on the collegiate and high school level that have been reported to the Beacon, include:

• BJ Raider second baseman **Bryan Rezin** was first team All-Region Gold Glove Award winner for William Jewell.

• Milgram pitcher **Ryan Lasneske** achieved the following at Baker - Graduated Cum Laude with a 3.65 GPA, BS in both Business Administration and Sports Administration, two-time NAIA Scholar/Athlete, four years on Dean's List; National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Delta Mu Delta Business Honor Society. He will be attending Texas A&M to pursue MS in Sports Management.

• Seaboard's **Luis Gardea** was 2013 JCCC Scholar Award Recipient.

• **John Hatch** of Seaboard was first team all conference shortstop and first team all-region shortstop for JCCC.

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June 13

Milgram Mustangs 1, NKC Apartments 0

Dylan Christie went two-for-three.

Andrew Blackwell tossed a four hitter. He walked four and fanned three.

Milgram Mustangs 8, NKC Apartments 1

The Mustangs scored eight runs in the top of the seventh.

Dean Cameron was one-for-two with two RBIs; **Colton Hilbrenner**, one-for-three with two RBIs and **Sam Morman**, one-for-three with two RBIs and a double.

Midwest Orioles 4, MidAmeriCare Nationals 1

The Orioles scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Jake Jones was three-for-four with two RBIs and **Seth Lieser**, two-for-three with a RBI.

MidAmeriCare Nationals 10, Midwest Orioles 1

Zach Morgan was two-for-four with a homer and four RBIs and **Paul Harris**, two-for-three with two RBIs.

BJ Raiders 5, Building Champions Gold 4

The Raiders won the game in the bottom of the seventh.

Coleman Waheed singled to left to open the inning and **Jonny Chitwood** sacrificed him to second. With two out he scored on a single to left by **Cole Doherty**.

Doherty was two-for-four in the game with an RBI and **Chase Leavy**, two-for-three with two RBIs.

June 14

Milgram Mustangs 9, NKC Apartments 7

The Mustangs tied the game with a run in the top of the ninth and won it with two in the top of the 10th.

Aaron Stubblefield was five-for-six with two doubles and five RBIs and **Zac Shaw**, three-for-six with two RBIs.

June 15

UMB Bank 5, MSBL Royals 1

Mitchell Glessner was two-for-three with a double and **Devin Burnworth**, two-for-four with an RBI.

Stefan Weinrich went the distance scattering six hits, fanning seven and walking one.

MSBL Royals 8, UMB Bank 2

James Gile was two-for-three with a double, homer and an RBI; **R. Colton Kooser** was one-for-three with a double and three RBIs and **Patrick Swain**, three-for-four with two RBIs.

June 16

Natural Baseball Academy 8, Bandits 2

Natural Baseball Academy scored four runs in the top of the sixth.

Matthew Elliott was two-for-three with a double and an RBI; **Ian Robinson**, one-for-three with two RBIs and **Dakota Long**, one-for-three with a double and three RBIs.

Natural Baseball Academy 11, Bandits 2

Keith Winteroud was two-for-three with an RBI and **Taylor Graf** one-for-two with a double and two RBIs.

Seaboard 17, Building Champions Gold 8 (12)

Seaboard scored nine runs in the top of the 12th inning.

Anthony Miller was two-for-four and **Matt McHugh**, four-for-five with two doubles and an RBI.

June 17

Building Champions Navy 3, Midwest Orioles 2

Hunter Hisky was one-for-three with a double and an RBI; **Caeden Harris**, one-for-two with a double and **Jacob Watt**, one-for-two.

Jake Jones of the Orioles had a solo homer.

Building Champions Navy 9, Midwest Orioles 4

Tristan Perkins went three-for-four with a double and four RBIs; **Evan Bourn**, two-for-four with a triple and an RBI; **Hunter Hisky**, two-for-three with a double and three RBIs and **Caeden Harris**, one-for-three with two RBIs.

Milgram Mustangs 8, UMB Bank 6

The Mustangs scored three runs in the top of the seventh.

Andrew Curry was three-for-four with a homer and three RBIs; **Billy Maloney**, one-for-three with two RBIs; **Aaron Stubblefield**, three-for-four with two doubles and an RBI; and **Dylan Christie**, two-for-three with a home run and an RBI.

Milgram Mustangs 7, UMB Bank 6

Cameron Dean was one-for-two with two RBIs; **Sam Morman**, two-for-three with a double and two RBIs and **JD Weyer**, two-for-three with a double.

Bandits 7, MidAmeriCare Nationals 1

Alec Witt, two-for-two with a double and two RBIs and **Zac Blakemore**, one-for-three with a triple and two RBIs.

Bandits 8, MidAmeriCare Nationals 7

Austin Evans was two-for-four with a double, triple and two RBIs; **Matthew Stafford**, two-for-four; **Alec Witt**, one-for-two with a homer and two RBIs and **Eric Beason**, three-for-four with a homer and four RBIs.

June 18

Seaboard 3, Natural Baseball Academy 2 (8)

Matt McHugh's RBI single in the top of the eighth proved to be the game-winner.

Anthony Miller was one-for-two with a double and **Sam Mrstik**, one-for-three with a triple and RBI.

Natural Baseball Academy 7, Seaboard 2

Jake Vore went two-for-two with a double and RBI and **Taylor Graf**, one-for-one with a double and two RBIs.

BJ Raiders 5, Regal Plastics 2

Bryan Rezin was two-for-three with a double and **Victor Brancato**, one-for-three with two RBIs.

BJ Raiders 6, Regal Plastics 3

Bryan Rezin went one-for-two with a double and **Coleman Waheed**, one-for-three with an RBI.

MSBL Royals 13, NKC Apartments 8

James Gale went four-for-four with three doubles and four RBIs; **R. Colton Kooser**, two-for-three with two RBIs and **Garett Scheffler**, one-for-four with three RBIs.

June 19

Seaboard 8, Natural Baseball Academy 7

John Hatch was three-for-five with two doubles and two RBIs; **Anthony Miller**, two-for-four with two RBIs and **Matt Olsen**, two-for-five with a double and an RBI.

June 20

Seaboard 4, Building Champions Navy 0

John Hatch was one-for-three with an RBI and **Andrew Warner**, one-for-three with a homer and an RBI.

Dakota Stone scattered three hits, walking two and fanning nine in throwing the shutout.

Seaboard 4, Building Champions Navy 1

Andrew Warner was two-for-three with a double and an RBI and **Braden Brown**, one-for-three with two RBIs.

Regal Plastics 5, BJ Raiders 4

Bryan Porting went three-for-four with a double and two RBIs and **Jesse Gray** was two-for-three with an RBI.

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Building Champion Gold 5, MidAmeriCare Nationals 4

Adam Thies was two-for-four with a double and Brett Anderson, three-for-four with an RBI.

MidAmeriCare Nationals 13, Building Champions Gold 8

The Nationals scored seven runs in the top of the first inning.

Mason Nowell was two-for-four with two RBIs; **Jolo Rector**, three-for-four with an RBI and **Sean Goostree**, two-for-four with a double and three RBIs.

UMB Bank 12, Bandits 5

UMB scored five runs in the top of the second.

Daniel Lamunyon was four-for-five with two doubles, a homer and eight RBIs and **Devin Burnworth** was two-for-four.

UMB Bank 12, Bandits 2

Tyler Jewell was three-for-five with four RBIs; **Danny Kralicek**, two-for-four with a homer and an RBI and **Seth Ell**, two-for-four with three RBIs.

June 22

NKC Apartments 1, UMB Bank 0 (8)

Matthew Stacks' two-out double drove in the only run of the game.

David Reese got the win going the first seven innings, scattering seven hits, walking two and fanning 11.

Natural Baseball Academy 4, Building Champions Navy 0

Jake Vore went one-for-two with an RBI and **Taylor Graf** was one-for-three with a double and an RBI.

Tyler Meeks allows just two hits, while fanning 11 and walking two.

BJ Raiders 10, MSBL Royals 1

Coleman Waheed was three-for-four with a triple and three RBIs; **Jared Patton**, one-for-four with a double and an RBI.

Austin Nordike gave up four hits, fanned four and walked two.

Mid-AmeriCare Nationals 8, Milgram Mustangs 7 (8)

Jared Gage was two-for-four with a double, homer and three RBIs and **Dylan Riley**, two-for-four with a double and two RBIs.

Milgram Musangs 8, Mid-AmeriCare Nationals 4

Sam Morman was three-for-five with an RBI; **Dylan Christie**, three-for-five with a double, triple and two RBIs and **Andrew Curry**, three-for-four with a double and an RBI.

BJ Raiders 4, MSBL Royals 2

Chase Leavy went two-for-four and **Vince Saladino**, one-for-three with a triple and an RBI.

Seaboard 14, Bandits 5

Matt McHugh went two-for-three with a double and an RBI; **David White**, three-for-four with an RBI; **Sam Mrstik**, two-for-four with a double, triple and two RBIs and **Braden Brown**, one-for-three with a triple and three RBIs.

June 23

Milgram Mustangs 3, Regal Plastics 1

Sam Morman was three-for-three with a double and an RBI and **Cameron Dean** went two-for-two.

Regal Plastics 5, Milgram Mustangs 3

Bryan Porting was one-for-three with a double and two RBIs.

Mid-AmeriCare Nationals 2, MSBL Royals 1 (8)

In the top of the eighth, **Jared Gage** doubled to right and advanced to third on a single by **Zach Morgan**. He scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly by **Aaron Berenson**.

Gage was two-for-three in the game.

Mid-AmeriCare Nationals 1, MSBL Royals 0

Zach Morgan was one-for-three with an RBI and **Dylan Farrell**, two-for-three with two doubles.

Tanner Swisher blanked the Royals on one hit. He didn't walk a batter and fanned 10.



STAYING COOL - MidAmeriCare players (from left to right) **Mark Montisano**, **Jared Gage**, **AJ Boyer**, and **Paul Harris** watch the game from under a tent in the above 90 degree temperatures June 22 at Macken Park.

Notes from around the league sponsored by the Salty Iguana

Save the Date

The All-Star game is Sunday, July 27 at Kauffman Stadium. The game starts at 9 a.m.

Motley is honored

Milgram Mustangs general manager **Don Motley** was recently honored by Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kansas City on June 20.

Motley received the Buck O'Neil Diamond MVP Award from the organization.

Motley has been active in baseball in the greater Kansas City area for many decades.

He managed the Milgram team in the Ban Johnson League for four decades.

In Memoriam

R. Crosby Kemper, Jr. passed away on Jan. 2.

He was the long time chief executive of UMB Financial Corp., a philanthropist and civic leader.

Under his direction, UMB brought a new team into the Ban Johnson League in 1979.

The bank continues to sponsor a team in the league.

He is a member of the leagues Hall of Fame.

To honor Mr. Kemper, the league announced at its Dec. 27, 2013 Awards Dinner that it has established the R. Crosby Kemper, Jr. Award for Leadership in the Kansas City Amateur Baseball Community.

The award will be given from time-to-time at the annual awards dinner.



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Rich Wieligman has gone from professional baseball player to a highly successful college softball coach at Oklahoma State.

He graduated from Lee's Summit High School and played for four years in the Ban Johnson League with UMB Bank.

He played 1980-1982 for **Bill Kelso**, missing the 1983 season with an injury and playing for **Scott Wright** in 1984.

Wright, incidentally is the football coach at Blue Valley West.

Wieligman played the outfield and first base.

"My memories of playing Ban Johnson ball was going out on the field and being able to compete against the best players city-wide and playing at some of the best ballparks around," he said. "Probably my best memory is, of course, making the all-star team and playing at Royals Stadium!

"Playing on the same field that George Brett, Hal McRae and Willie Wilson, that was special."

He signed with the Philadelphia Phillies in 1985.

"I played five years of pro baseball," he said. "I played as high as AAA for the Toledo Mud Hens, I finished up playing in Japan in 1990 for the Hanshin Tigers.



Rich Wieligman

So how did the professional baseball player end up coaching softball?

"After finishing my pro career I moved to Lubbock, Texas and picked up playing fast pitch (softball) with a bunch of ex-teammates and college players.

"My coach in college (at Lubbock Christian College) Larry Hays was a former professional fast pitch pitcher from up in Canada and he got me hooked!"

How did he become a women's softball coach?

"After working different jobs for a few years, a high school softball job opened up in my town and I was due for

a change and really wanted to get back on the field," he said. "I applied knowing I wanted to get into the college game.

"I coached at the high school level for two years, then started my college coaching career at Baylor. I worked my way up through the ranks and now I am the head coach at Oklahoma State."

He has been the head coach for the Cowboys for eight years.

The former UMB Bank player has done well in Stillwater.

He has taken three teams to the College World Series in Oklahoma City.



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He didn't give up a run this year until his fourth outing. His veteran leadership is seen helping others find their groove as noticed when he helped Dakota Graham settle down after a rough start to finish with four shutout innings."

Shaw also pointed to pitcher **Andrew Blackwell**, two-time all-star **JD Weyer** and second-year player **Andrew Curry**.

The Mustangs have a number of newcomers who have contributed to the team's success.

Aaron Stubblefield had a five-hit, five RBI game, **Dylan Christie**, **Chase Watt, J.J. Wesley**, **Cameron Dean** and **AJ Salinas**.

The manager also noted that young pitchers like **Jackson Rowe**, **Derek Mann** and **Matt Ritchie** have contributed to the team's success.

Seaboard captured the tournament title and the league championship in 2013, despite not finishing first in the regular season standings.

In games through June 23, Seaboard has only played 10 games, but won eight of them.

"Well with the limited number of games and small sample size, it is hard to really pinpoint any key players," manager **Will Meier** said. "I can say that our offense has carried more of the load than our pitching, unlike previous years.

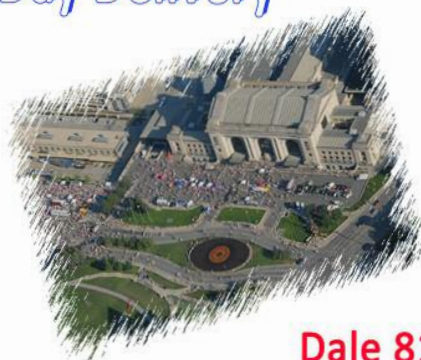
"However, our pitching is still a strength and has helped us get off to a good start."

Meier did point to second baseman **Braden Brown**, shortstop/pitcher **John Hatch**, first baseman **Anthony Miller** and third baseman/pitcher **Matt McHugh** for helping with the early success.

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