

DEAL SYNAGOGUE SOFTBALL LEAGUE



RESULTS APRIL 9, 1988

1st
GEMALS PALS 20
GRAND SLAM 10

1st
HEAT 3
RASCALS 1

2nd
GEMALS PALS 8
GRAND SLAM 4

2nd
RASCALS 7
HEAT 5

1st
PEACHES 9
BIG TIME 3

1st
BED ROCKERS 16
HAT TRICK 5

2nd
PEACHES 7
BIG TIME 1

2nd
BED ROCKERS 11
HAT TRICK 6

RESULTS APRIL 16, 1988

1st

HAT TRICK 11
RASCALS 0

1st

HEAT 2
SLAM 0

2nd

HAT TRICK 21
RASCALS 5

2nd

HEAT 16
SLAM 12

1st

BED ROCKERS 11
PEACHES 6

1st

GEMALS PALS 11
BIG TIME 10

2nd

BED ROCKERS 5
PEACHES 3

2nd

BIG TIME 22
GEMAL PALS 7

BED ROCKERS BREAK OUT OF THE GATE WITH 4 STRAIGHT....ELLIOT BRAHA'S TEAM LOADED WITH BRAHAS KNOCKED OFF LAST YEARS WORLD CHAMPS EASILY IN THE 1st WEEK OF PLAY AND THEN THE FOLLOWING WEEK KNOCKED OFF A STRONG PICCIOTTO TEAM ALSO FAIRLY EASILY. ALL THIS WITH AN OLD WORN OUT PITCHER WHO'S DOING IT ON MEMORY ONLY. UNBELIEVEABLE

WE DIDN'T SEE THE BED ROCKERS IN THE 1st WEEK OF PLAY BUT AFTER VIEWING THEM THIS PAST WEEK AND LOOKING OVER THEIR ROSTER, THEY LOOK FAIRLY GOOD. BUT, NOT AS GOOD AS THEIR RECORD. THEY ARE VERY GOOD IN THE OUTFIELD, AND AT PLATE, FAIR IN THE INFIELD AND COMPARED TO THE OTHER PITCHERS IN THE LEAGUE (ZALTA, NESSER, COHEN, EZRA, CHARLIE, ETC.) MEDICORE ON THE MOUND NOT WITHSTANDING. CHUBBY'S CLAIM OF IMMORTALITY ON THE MOUND. BUT CHUBBY HAS A WAY OF PITCHING OUT OF TROUBLE AND WITH ALL THOSE BRAHA'S COMPLIMENTED BY FRANCO, HABER, AND SAMMY TAWIL AND WITH A 4 AND 0 START, THEY WILL PROBABLY MAKE THE PLAYOFFS.....PROBABLY!!!!!!

GEMAL PALS WERE A PLEASANT SUPRISE WITH A 3 AND 1 START. MARTY DECIDED TO GET RID OF ALL HIS OLD PLAYERS AND BROUGHT IN A LOAD OF YOUNG AND EXPERIENCED PLAYERS LIKE ZALTA, HARARI, SAMMY COHEN, ALLIE MARSHALL, MEYER ASSOULIN, JOEY TOBIAS, MATUT, ETC. THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T PLAYED IN THIS LEAGUE YET IS MARSHALL, BUT, AFTER SEEING HIM LAST WEEK WE'VE GOT TO SAY HE IS A CINCH ROOKIE OF THE YEAR. A NATURAL !!!!!!! FREDDIE HARARI IS AS GOOD AS EVER (IF NOT BETTER AT THE PLATE) AND FREDDIE ZALTA IS PROBABLY THE M.V.P. OF THE LEAGUE WHO EXCELS IN PITCHING, HITTING, FIELDING AND RUNNING. I DON'T THINK THEIR IS ANOTHER PLAYER WHO CAN DO ALL FOUR OF THE ABOVE AS GOOD AS ZALTA (NOT EVEN RED). BUT NONE OF THE ABOVE HIT THE BALL HARDER THAN MY EX-FRONT

RUNNER SAMMY COHEN. GEMAL PALS JUST MIGHT HAVE THE BEST HITTING TEAM IN THE LEAGUE. UNLESS MARTY DOES A MONUMENTAL JOB OF MISMANAGING (HE'S BEEN KNOWN TO MAKE SOME BLUNDERS) THE PALS ARE A CINCH FOR THE PLAYOFFS.

HEAT SPOILS EZRA'S INITIATION INTO THE LEAGUE BY WINNING 2 LAST WEEK AFTER SPLITTING WITH THE RASCALS OPENING DAY, AND THEY DID IT WITHOUT JACKIE HADDAD. THIS TEAM WITH RED ON THE MOUND, HADDAD IN CENTER AND EDDY DIRECTING THE INFIELD LOOKS VERY VERY STRONG DEFENSIVELY. THEY HAVE SOME GOOD YOUNG PLAYERS LIKE ELI HADAD, JASON COHEN, FRED NESSER, JEFFERY GINDI,, AND LABO. HADDAD ESPECIALLY LOOKS GREATLY IMPROVED BUT THE CORE OF THIS TEAM WILL BE THE NUCLEUS OF EDDIE, IRWIN, RED, AND HADDAD. A VERY TOUGH COMBO TO BEAT. THEY ARE A SHOO-IN FOR THE PLAYOFFS UNLESS OF COURSE RED BLOWS UP ON THE MOUND COMPLETELY LIKE LAST WEEK. HE HAD A 16-4 LEAD, SAW IT SHRINK TO 16-12, GOT THROWN OUT AND ELI GINDI HAD TO BAIL HIM OUT TO PRESERVE THE VICTORY.

THERE WILL BE NO HAT TRICK THIS YEAR

HATS OFF TO STEVIE SHALOM FOR 2 CHAMPIONSHIPS IN A ROW ESPECIALLY 1 YEAR HE BARELY GOT IN TO THE PLAYOFFS. BUT THIS YEAR THE ODDS ARE AGAINST HIM. NOT THAT HE HAS A BAD TEAM, HE HAS 2 NEW ADDITIONS IN MORRIS MISSRY AND ALAN HADDAD. THE TWO OF THEM ARE TREMENDOUS TALENTS AND COUPLED WITH JACK BRAHA ARE AS GOOD A MURDERERS ROW AS THERE IS IN THE LEAGUE IF NOT BETTER. BUT A VERY KEY MAN HE DOESN'T HAVE AT A VERY KEY POSITION IS VICTOR ZILBERMAN. HE HAS A BROTHER BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN ENOUGH OF HIM TO MAKE AN EVALUATION. HE ALSO HAS HIS NEPHEW ZINN WHO LOOKS LIKE HE IS GOING TO PUSH HIS UNCLE RIGHT TO THE BENCH. WE SHALL SEE !!!! ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACTOR IS THE OVERALL PITCHING IN THE LEAGUE HAS IMPROVED VASTLY WHICH WILL MAKE

IT THAT MUCH TOUGHER. PLUS THIS YEAR THEIR SEEMS TO BE ALL TOUGH TEAMS. SO TOUGH WE CAN'T EVEN PREDICT WHO WILL NOT MAKE THE PLAYOFFS. IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYBODY HAS AS GOOD A SHOT TO MAKE THE PLAYOFFS AS ANYBODY ELSE. HAT TRICK HAS AS GOOD A SHOT AS ANYBODY TO MAKE THE PLAYOFFS. WINNING THE WHOLE THING? THAT'S ANOTHER QUESTION.

PEACH'S N CREAM SPLIT THEIR 1st FOUR GAMES BEATING A GOOD BIG TIME TEAM TWICE, BUT, LOSING TO THE BED ROCKERS TWICE LAST WEEK. TRUE THEY WERE WITHOUT THEIR #1 PLAYER IKE DWECK LAST WEEK BUT WITH PICCIOTTO AT THE HELM THEY SHOULD HAVE WON ONE. THIS TEAM LOOKS A LITTLE BIT WEAKER THAN THE USUAL PICCIOTO TEAMS BUT NOT BY A LOT. THEY ALSO LOOK LIKE THEY HAVE THE TALENT TO MAKE THE PLAYOFFS. (IN FACT AS WE SAID BEFORE EVERY TEAM LOOKS GOOD ENOUGH TO MAKE IT BUT SOMEBODY'S GOT TO BE LEFT OUT.) THEY HAVE A GREAT SHORTSTOP, CENTERFIELDER AND PITCHER. THEY HAVE GOOD YOUNG PLAYERS LIKE SHAMULA, DOUGLAS, AND SABIN. BUT, THEIR OVERALL HITTING (PICCIOTTO NOT WITHSTANDING) IS MEDIOCRE. THEY COULD HAVE PROBLEMS AGAINST SOME STRONG HITTING TEAMS. WE WILL KNOW MORE AFTER NEXT WEEK'S GAMES WITH THE PALS.

THE RASCALS AFTER SPLITTING OPENING WEEK LOSE TWO WITHOUT ABE COHEN. WITHOUT PITCHING I DON'T THINK ANY TEAM COULD WIN AND ABIE IS ONE OF THE BETTER PITCHERS IN THE LEAGUE. HE HAS A LOT OF SPEED AND POWER WITH NATHAN, MITCHELL, IRWIN BRAHA AND MAURICE HABER WHO LOOKS LIKE A GOOD NEWCOMER. WE ONLY SAW A LITTLE OF HIM LAST WEEK BUT FROM WHAT WE SAW WE LIKED. WE WILL BE WATCHING HIM. ABIE PICKED HIM 3rd SO HE MUST KNOW SOMETHING. IF ABIE HAS A GOOD YEAR AND HIS FIELDING HOLDS UP THEY COULD BE TOUGH. THEY ALSO HAVE A RETURNING LOUIS BETESH AND ALBERT LEVY AMONGST OTHERS AND DON'T FORGET MAURICE

ZALTA. (HOW COULD ANYBODY AFTER THAT 400 FOOT SINGLE HE HIT) HE COULD BE THE DIFFERENCE.

BIG TIME GOT OFF TO A BAD START, NOT USUAL WITH CHARLIE SAKAS TEAM'S BUT AVOIDED A DISASTER WITH A RESOUNDING BEATING OF A GOOD PAL TEAM 22-7. BUT SOMEHOW THAT'S A CHARLIE TRADEMARK FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS. I HAVE NEVER SEEN A TEAM AS GOOD AS COMING BACK WHEN THEY ALL BUT COUNTED OUT AS TEAMS HEADED BY CHARLIE. 9th INNING RALLY'S AFTER TWO WERE OUT AND DOWN BY 2, 3, 4, EVEN 5 or 6 RUNS WERE HIS STAMP. SO A 1-3 RECORD EARLY IN THE SEASON MEANS NOTHING, ESPECIALLY WITH EDDIE MISHAN AT SHORT, ABIE DWECK (WHO WAS MISSING YESTERDAY) IN CENTER, ZAK, CHREM. SALEM, FALLAS, ALL SLUGGING THE BALL. THIS IS YET ANOTHER TEAM WITH A LOT OF TALENT WHO ALSO WILL MAKE THE PLAYOFFS. I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHO WON'T MAKE IT.

EVEN GRAND SLAM WITH 0-4 START CAN TURN IT AROUND. 1st OF ALL THE FIRST WEEK THEY WERE WITHOUT EZRA, JOEY TAWIL, AND A FEW MORE KEY PLAYERS. SO WE WILL THROW THAT OUT. IN THE 1st GAME LAST WEEK EZRA AND RED DUELED IT OUT AND IN HIS 1st GAME IN THE DEAL LEAGUE EZRA GOT NIPPED BY ONE OF THE BEST PITCHERS IN THE LEAGUE 2-0. CREDITABLE GAME. THE 2nd GAME WAS S SLUGFEST WITH A LOT OF MISPLAYS AND THE SLAM LOST 16-12 AFTER A VALIANT RALLY. NEXT WEEKS GAMES ARE CRUCIAL FOR RONNIE TO GET OFF THE MARK AGAINST THE PALS. IF THE SLAM CAN MAKE THE PLAYOFFS AND EZRA GETS HOT THEY COULD BE VERY DANGEROUS. THEY HAVE A MONSTER HOMERUN HITTER IN JOEY TAWIL, WITH HARRY CATTON, JOEY BRAHA, ANZAROUT, ERANI, AND AZAR TO HELP OUT. BUT THE OTHER KEY TO THIS TEAM IS RONNIE GINDI. IF HE HITS, THEY CAN WIN. IF HE DOESN'T HIT IT WILL BE A LONG SUMMER FOR THE GRAND SLAM TEAM. LETS SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

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	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
BEDROCKERS (E. BRAHA)	4	0	43	20
GEMAL PALS (F. ZALTA)	3	1	46	46
HEAT (J. HADDAD)	3	1	26	20
HAT TRICK (J. BRAHA)	2	2	43	32
PEACHE'S N CREAM (I. DWECK)	2	2	25	20
RASCALS (A. COHEN)	1	3	13	40
BIG TIME (E. MISHAN)	1	3	36	34
GRAND SLAM (R. GINDI)	0	4	26	46

SCHEDULE APRIL 24, 1988

<u>FIELD</u>	<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>TIME</u>
A	HEAT vs BIG TIME	10:00
B	RASCALS vs BEDROCKERS	10:00
C	GRAND SLAM vs HAT TRICK	10:00
A	PALS vs PEACH'S	1:00 P.M.

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