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Seaboard meets Mustangs

Seaboard will be in the championship series for the fourth consecutive year.

The Milgram Mustangs will be looking for their first title since 2008 when the series opens Monday at the Mid-America Sports Complex in western Shawnee.

All games are nine inning games in the best of five series.

Seaboard won the league championship series in 2011 and 2013 and finished second in 2012.

It wasn't easy for the team to get by NKC Apartment in the semifinals.

Seaboard trailed NKC 3-1 in the bottom of the eighth inning, scoring three runs for the victory.

Seaboard had a 4-2 deficit in the second game, but scored three in the top of the sixth.

"Our secret has been strong pitching, timely hitting and everyone stepping up when needed," Seaboard manager **Will Meier** said.

It was an even tougher road to the championship series for the Mustangs.

They lost the first game of the best of three

quarterfinals to UMB Bank, then won the last two games to move into the semifinals.

In the semifinals, Natural Baseball Academ captured the first game, but the Mustangs were able to capture the next two games.

They needed to score four runs in the bottom of the eighth to overcome a 7-4 deficit in the third and deciding game.

Both teams have shown the ability to come from behind in the late innings and both have good pitching and hitting.

The post-season started with a one-game series between the eighth through the 13th seed for the eighth seed in the championship series.

The MSBL Royals won the play-in series and met Seaboard in the best of three quarterfinals.

The Royals had a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the seventh of the second game, but a two-out single by **Matt McHugh** tied the game. Seaboard won in the eighth inning.

See Seaboard, page 10

46th All-Star Game set for Sunday at the K

The 46th Annual Ban Johnson League All-Star Game hosted by the Kansas City Royals is set for Sunday.

The first pitch is slated for 9 a.m. with a nine-inning game, but the game needs to be ended by 11:30 a.m.

The 13-team league has been split into two teams - B and J.

The teams on the B All-Star team are Seaboard, UMB Bank, Regal Plastics, BJ Raiders, Bandits, Building Champions Gold and Building Champions Navy.

The J All-Star team has players from the Midwest Orioles, Milgram Mustangs, Natural Baseball Academy, MSBL Royals, NKC Apartments and Mid-America Nationals.

An MVP for the game will be picked.

The managers are Seaboard's **Will Meier** for the B All-Stars and **Tony Hurla** of the MSBL Royals for the J All-Stars.

The umpires are **Tim Carpenter** behind the plate, **Scott Coleman** at first base, **Sean Boyle** at second base and **Nick Steponovich** at third base.



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**(Final unofficial)
Batting Average**

(based on a minimum of 64 plate appearances)

1. Luke Lucchetti, Regal Plastics	.432
2. Coleman Waheed, BJ Raiders	.420
3. Jake Jones, Midwest Orioles	.414
4. Anthony Miller, Seaboard	.390
5. Bryan Porting, Regal Plastics	.371
6. Brett Anderson, Building Champions Gold	.368
7. Aaron Stubblefield, Milgram Mustangs	.363
8. Dylan Christie, Milgram Mustangs	.359
9. Gabriel Greenbaum, Bandits	.350
10. Andrew Warner, Seaboard	..347

Home Runs

1. Dylan Christie, Milgram Mustangs	4
2. Daniel Lamunyon, UMB Bank	3
2. Danny Kralicek, UMB Bank	3
2. Andrew Curry, Milgram Mustangs	3
2. Andrew Warner, Seaboard	3
6. (13 tied with two each)	

Runs Batted In

1. Sam Morman, Milgram Mustangs	26
2. Ian Barker, Midwest Orioles	25
3. Coleman Waheed, BJ Raiders	25
4. Brett Anderson, Building Champions Gold	24
4. John Hatch, Seaboard	24
6. William Mahnken, BJ Raiders	22
7. Andrew Warner, Seaboard	21
7. Braden Brown, Seaboard	21
9. Bryan Rezin, BJ Raiders	20
10. (three tied with 19 each)	

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**Pitching
Earned Run Average**

(based on a minimum of 28 innings)

1. David Reese, NKC Apartments	0.75
2. Tyler Meeks, Natural Baseball Academy	1.23
3. Devin Stubbings, BJ Raiders	1.31
4. Eric Smith, BJ Raiders	1.32
5. Logan Bausch, Midwest Orioles	1.51
6. Alex Thornton, UMB Bank	1.81
7. Andrew Blackwell, Milgram Mustangs	1.86
8. Brandon Martinkus, Natural Baseball Academy	1.93
9. Brendan Beatty, NKC Apartments	2.227
10. Cade Brummer, MSBL Royals	2.231
11. Zachary Maskill, Midwest Orioles	2.43
12. Caeden Harris, Building Champion Navy	2.46

Strikeouts

1. David Reese, NKC Apartments	45
2. John Rector, MidAmeriCare Nationals	44
2. Tyler Meeks, Natural Baseball Academy	44
4. Zachary Maskill, Midwest Orioles	43
4. Cade Brummer, MSBL Royals	43
6. Ryan Lasneske, Milgram Mustangs	40
7. Matthew Reilly, Natural Baseball Academy	38
7. Christopher Mancha, BJ Raiders	38
9. Blake Stephens, Mid-AmeriCare Nationals	37
10. Jake Slocum, Building Champions Navy	36
11. Steven Damico, UMB Bank	35

**Ban Johnson
League Standings**

FINAL

	W	L	GB
Seaboard	22	6	----
Milgram Mustangs	21	7	1.0
BJ Raiders	20	8	2.0
Natural Baseball	18	10	4.0
Regal Plastics	16	12	6.0
NKC Apts.	14	12	7.0
UMB Bank	13	15	9.0
MidAmeriCare Nationals	11	17	11.0
Building Champions Navy	10	17	11.5
Bandits	9	17	12.0
MSBL Royals	9	19	13.0
Building Champions Gold	8	19	13.5
Midwest Orioles	8	20	14.0

All-Star Game Rosters

B All-Stars

Anthony Miller	Seaboard
Mitchell Glessner	UMB Bank
Braden Brown	Seaboard
Bryan Rezin	BJ Raiders
Eric Benson	Bandits
Coleman Waheed	BJ Raiders
Daniel Lamunyon	UMB Bank
Bryan Porting	Regal Plastics
Gabriel Greenbaum	Bandits
Nico Codemo	BJ Raiders
Anthony Corona	Bandits
Nate Goff	Regal Plastics
Brett Anderson	BC Gold
Victor Brancato	BJ Raiders
Austin Evans	Bandits
Erik Ross	UMB Bank
William Mahnken	BJ Raiders
Evan Bourn	BC Navy
Chase Leavy	BJ Raiders
Luke Lucchetti	Regal Plastics
Eric Smith	BJ Raiders
Christopher Mancha	BJ Raiders
Brett Valentine	Regal Plastics
Matthew Wasche	Regal Plastics
Connor Leach	BC Navy
Milan Pleacher	BJ Raiders
Dakota Stone	Seaboard
Cody Starr	Bandits
Alex Thornton	UMB Bank
Matthew McHugh	Seaboard
John Hatch	Seaboard

J All-Stars

1B Dylan Christie	Milgram Mustangs	1B
1B Matthew Stacks	NKC Apts.	1B
2B Patrick Burns	NKC Apts.	2B
2B Chase Watt	Milgram Mustangs	2B
SS Trevor Burkdoll	Natural Baseball	SS
SS Matt Petelin	Midwest Orioles	SS
3B Nicholas Deichler	MSBL Royals	3B
3B Aaron Stubblefield	Milgram Mustangs	3B
U Jake Jones	Midwest Orioles	C
C Patrick Swain	MSBL Royals	C
C Jared Gage	MidAmeriCare	C
C James Gile	MSBL Royals	DH
DH Seth Lieser	Midwest Orioles	DH
DH Lucas Norton	MSBL Royals	OF
OF Andrew Curry	Milgram Mustangs	OF
OF Dylan Farrell	MidAmeriCare	OF
OF Samuel Morman	Milgram Mustangs	OF
OF Taylor Davis	Natural Baseball	OF
OF Matthew Elliott	Natural Baseball	OF
OF Christian Patterson	Natural Baseball	OF
P Ian Barker	Midwest Orioles	OF
P Logan Bausch	Midwest Orioles	P
P Luke Burnidge	NKC Apts.	P
P Tyler Meeks	Natural Baseball	P
P David Reese	NKC Apts.	P
P Blake Stephens	MidAmeriCare	P
P Brandon Martinkus	Natural Baseball	P
P Andrew Blackwell	Milgram Mustangs	P
P Cade Brummer	MSBL Royals	P
P Ryan Lasneske	Milgram Mustans	P
P Brendan Beatty	NKC Apts.	P



GAME READY - Participating in the Ban Johnson All-Star Game on July 27 at Kauffman Stadium are (from left) [Luke Lucchetti](#) (Regal Plastic), [Coleman Waheed](#) (BJ Raiders), [David Reese](#) (NKC Apartments) and [Anthony Miller](#) (Seaboard).

Highlights presented by NKC Apts.

July 9

NKC Apartments 1, UMB Bank 0

NKC scored the only run in the game in the first inning.

Matthew Stacks was two-for-three with a double.

Brendan Beatty hurled a one-hitter, fanning one and walking one

Milgram Mustangs 10, Building Champions Navy 0 (6)

Two Mustangs pitchers, **Matt Ritchie** and **Dakota Knight** combined on a no-hitter.

JJ Wesley was two-for-three; **Wes Jones**, three-for-three with three RBIs; **Andrew Curry**, two-for-four with two RBIs and **Dylan Christie** had a homer.

Building Champions Navy 1, Milgram Mustangs 0

Tristan Ritchie was one-for-three; **Evan Bourn** one-for-three with a triple and **Connor Leach**, one-for-three with an RBI.

Jake Slocum worked the first six innings, allowing three hits, walking three and fanning seven.

Natural Baseball Academy 3, Mid-AmeriCare Nationals 2

NBA scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh. **Taylor Graf** doubled and **Carson Garrett** had a bunt single. **Zach Pirrello** was intentionally walked. The winning run scored on a wild pitch.

Ian Robinson was one-for-three with a double and two RBIs and **Garrett**, two-for-three.

Natural Baseball Academy 9, Mid-AmeriCare Nationals 1

NBA scored seven runs in the second inning.

Jake Vore was two-for-four with a double and an RBI and **Zach Pirrello**, one-for-two.

BJ Raiders 10, Bandits 0 (6)

Coleman Waheed went two-for-four with three RBIs and **Colin Frederick** was two-for-three with a double and three RBIs.

BJ Raiders 14, Bandits 6

The Raiders only had eight hits.

Coleman Waheed was three-for-four with a triple and four RBIs and **Bryan Rezin**, one-for-two with two RBIs.

July 10

Seaboard 7, MSBL Royals 5

Seaboard scored six runs in the fifth inning.

John Hatch was two-for-two with a double.

Seaboard 2, MSBL Royals 1

Seaboard won the game in the bottom of the seventh.

David White singled to shortstop and **Luis Gardeau**'s single sent him to third. **Braden Brown**'s suicide squeeze bunt won the game.

John Hatch was one-for-two and **Matt Olsen**, one-for-three with a double and an RBI.

Regal Plastics 7, UMB Bank 6

Nate Goff was three-for-five with two RBIs; **Jesse Gray**, one-for-two with an RBI; **Jake Hamerle**, two-for-four with an RBI and **Luke Lucchetti**, four-for-five with a double.

UMB Bank 5, Regal Plastics 2

UMB scored four runs in the top of the seventh on a grand slam homer by **Daniel Lamunyon**. He was two-for-four in the game with five RBIs while **Brian Alewine** was two-for-three.

July 11

Building Champions Navy 11, Bandits 1 (5)

Tristan Perkins was two-for-three with a double and two RBIs;

Hunter Hisky, one-for-four with a double and three RBIs and **Garrett Smith**, two-for-three with two RBIs.

BJ Raiders 11, NKC Apartments 0 (5)

Bryan Rezin went four-for-four with a double and two RBIs;

Coleman Waheed, four-for-four with two RBIs and **William Mahnken**, two-for-four with a double, triple and two RBIs.

NKC Apartments 5, BJ Raiders 1

Matthew Stacks was two-for-three with a double and a triple; **Tim Maloney**, two-for-four with an RBI and **Ethan Smith**, two-for-four with two RBIs.

MSBL Royals 11, Building Champions Gold 6.

Nicholas Delcher was two-for-three with two doubles and two RBIs and **Keeton Krause**, one-for-three with a double and two RBIs.

Building Champions Gold 15, MSBL Royals 11

Building Champions Gold scored six runs in the top of the seventh.

Joshua DeBaker went three-for-five with a double, triple and an RBI and **Brett Anderson** was two-for-four with two home runs and seven RBIs.

Seaboard 6, Regal Plastics 5 (8)

Jake Harvey was two-for-four with a double and the game-winning RBI in the bottom of the eighth; **Anthony Miller** was two-for-three and **Andrew Warner**, two-for-four with an RBI.

Regal Plastics 6, Seaboard 3

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

July 13

Milgram Mustangs 8, Building Champions Gold 3

Dylan Christie went three-for-three with two doubles and an RBI while **Andrew Curry** was two-for-three with a homer and three RBIs.

Regal Plastics 6, Building Champions Navy 1

Regal scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Jesse Gray was two-for-four with an RBI and **Keary Austin**, one-for-three with two RBIs.

Seaboard 12, UMB Bank 0 (5)

John Hatch was two-for-four with three RBIs and **Matt McHugh**, three-for-three with an RBI.

Bandits 13, MSBL Royals 1 (5)

The Bandits scored eight runs in the top of the fifth.

Eric Benson was three for three with an RBI; **Zac Blakemore**, two-for-three with an RBI and **Alec Witt**, three-for-three with a double and three RBIs.

Bandits 3, MSBL Royals 2

Zac Blakemore was two-for-three with a double and three RBIs.

UMB Bank 7, MidAmeriCare Nationals 0

Danny Kralicek was two-for-three with a double, homer and two RBIs and **Zach Anderson**, two-for-four with a double and two RBIs.

July 14

UMB Bank 4, Midwest Orioles 0

Daniel Lamunyon was two-for-four; **Mitchell Glessner**, two-for-three and **Zach Anderson**, two-for-four with an RBI.

July 15

NKC Apartments 2, MSBL Royals 0

Matthew Stacks, two-for-three with two doubles and **Zach Roberts** one-for-two with a double and two RBIs.

Brendan Beatty scattered two hits, fanned eight and didn't walk a batter.

NKC Apartments 6, MSBL Royals 1

Jacob Dowell was one-for-three with two RBIs.

Bandits 4, Natural Baseball Academy 3

Bandits scored winning run in the top of the seventh.

Zac Blakemore was two-for-four with a double and three RBIs.

Seaboard 6, Building Champions Gold 1

John Hatch was two-for-four with an RBI and **Jake Harvey**, one-for-three with a double and an RBI.

Seaboard 9, Building Champions Gold 7

Braden Brown was two-for-three with a triple and two RBIs;

Anthony Miller, two-for-three with a double and an RBI and **John Hatch**, two-for-four with a double and two RBIs.

July 16

Seaboard 14, UMB Bank 2

Braden Brown was two-for-four with a homer and three RBIs; **John Hatch**, two-for-three with two RBIs and **David White**, two-for-five with two RBIs

UMB Bank 5, Seaboard 3

Danny Kralicek went two-for-four with two RBIs and **Licio Tamburlini**, two-for-three with an RBI.

Bandits 7, NKC Apartments 5

Gabriel Greenbaum went two-for-three with a triple and **Anthony Corona**, two-for-three with a double and an RBI.

NKC Apartments 15, Bandits 1 (5)

NKC scored nine runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Tim Maloney went two-for-three with two doubles and three RBIs;

Braden Weber, three-for-four with a homer and two RBIs; **Alex Pender**, two for four with two RBIs and **Jacob Dowell**, two-for-two with an RBI.

Tournament highlights Presented by Steve Stillwell's Bushidokan



NOT IN TIME- Regal Plastics' **Zach Stonecipher** steals second base as **John Hatch**, Seaboard shortstop, looks to make the play in their regular season doubleheader on July 8.

Play-in Tournament Single Elimination July 17

Midwest Orioles 5, Building Champions Gold 4 (8)

The Orioles won the game with a run in the bottom of the eighth.

Ian Barker singled to short and advanced to second when Jake Jones reached base on an error.

Barker was caught stealing at third and Josh Mahon walked.

Jerico Burasco singled to center for the game-winning RBI.

Burasco was three-for-four with three RBIs in the game.

July 18

Mid-AmeriCare Nationals 8, Midwest Orioles 4

John Rehton was two-for-three and **Dylan Farrell**, one-for-three with a double and an RBI.

MSBL Royals 7, Bandits 1

James Gile was two-for-four with a triple; **Keeton Krause**, two-for-two and **Patrick Swain**, one-for-four with two RBIs.

July 19

MSBL Royals 9, Mid-AmeriCare Nationals 3

Nicholas Deilcher was two-for-five; **Lucas Norton**, two-for-four with an RBI; **Ryan Fisher**, three-for-five with a double and two RBIs; and **Keeton Krause**, two-for-four with a three-run homer.

Championship Tournament Quarterfinals (best of three)

July 20

Natural Baseball Academy 9, Regal Plastics 1

NBA scored six runs in the third inning.

Taylor Davis was three-for-four with an RBI; **Jake Vore**, three-for-four with two doubles and four RBIs and **Zach Pirrello**, two-for-three with an RBI.

Taylor Meeks allowed two hits, walked three and fanned 14.

Natural Baseball Academy 4, Regal Plastics 1

Taylor Davis was two-for-four with a double, homer and one RBI while **Ian Robinson** was one-for-three with a double and two RBIs.

UMB Bank 7, Milgram Mustangs 5

Danny Kralicek went one-for-three; **Mitchell Glessner**, one-for-three with two RBIs; **Licio Tamburlini**, two-for-four with a double and two RBIs and **Jake Sobbe**, two-for-three with an RBI.

Milgram Mustangs 7, UMB Bank 2

Aaron Stubblefield was two-for-three with three RBIs and **Jake Sobbe**, two-for-three with two RBIs.

Seaboard 11, MSBL Royals 0 (5)

John Hatch was three-for-three with a triple and two RBIs; **Matt Olsen**, two-for-two with a double and three RBIs and **David White**, two-for-three with a double and four RBIs.

Dakota Stone scattered two hits, walked two and fanned eight.

Seaboard 6, MSBL Royals 4 (8)

Matt McHugh's two-out line single to right tied the game at 2-2 in the top of the seventh.

Seaboard scored four runs in the top of the eighth. The Royals had the tying runs in scoring position in the bottom of the frame, but couldn't push the runners across the plate.

McHugh was three-for-five with two RBIs; **Matt Olsen**, two-for-two and **Braden Brown**, two-for-four with a double and two RBIs.

NKC Apartments 2, BJ Raiders 1

NKC won the game on a two-run home run by **Brandon Weber** in the top of the sixth.

David Reese allowed just four hits and an unearned run. He fanned 11 and walked one.

NKC Apartments 6, BJ Raiders 3

Matthew Stacks was two-for-four with an RBI; **Blake Petersen**, one-for-two with a double and three RBIs; **Jake Baker**, two-for-three and **Tim Mahoney** had a solo homer.

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In Memoriam

Al Zych died July 14.

He coached for the Milgram team from 1957 through 1962.

John Cunneen, a Milgram pitcher during that time recalled, "He taught me more about pitching than any coach I had. He was a super nice guy that would go out of his way to help others."

Zych was a three-sport star at Wyandotte High School and spent nine years in the New York Yankees farm system.

He was the equipment manager for the Kansas City A's from 1963 until the team moved to Oakland following the 1967 season.

He joined the Kansas City Royals as their equipment manager in 1969 until retiring following the 1988 season.

He traveled to Cooperstown, NY in 1999 for George Brett's induction into the Hall of Fame and was recognized for his friendship by Brett in his induction speech.

Zych's son, **Matt Zych**, played in the Ban Johnson League for Meyer's Dairy and KC Life from 1976-1980.

Four recognized by KC Star

Four players were recognized by the Kansas City Star in their All-Metro High School Baseball Team.

They are: Pembroke Hill catcher **Sam Frazen** (Building Champions Gold); DeSoto infielder **Dylan Holden** (Seaboard); Rockhurst outfielder **Jack Benninghoff** (Building Champions Gold); and Blue Valley West outfielder **Evan Bourn** (Building Champions Navy).



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Lasting memories from All-Star Game

The 46th Annual All-Star Game is set for Sunday at Kauffman Stadium.

The games down through the years have provided players with lasting memories of playing in the game.

Matt Forret played in three All-Star games back in the early 90s.

“My first all-star game was in 1990,” he said. “We played in what was then called Royals Stadium and the field was artificial turf.

“I felt so small on the field in that big league stadium. I played third base and as I was standing in the dirt around the base I remember thinking to myself that George Brett has played in this same dirt. And did that give me chills.

He said he was proud to represent the Milgram Mustangs and to play beside all those talented players from around the league that made the event so special.

Mike Grouse is now a scout for the Texas Rangers and played in the 1983 game for Crouch Meat.

“I would say my memories of the game was being able to play in a Major League stadium for the first time,” he said. “Being in a dugout as some of the Royals came out early was pretty cool. I remember talking to Pat Sheridan about left-handed hitting and that was fun.

“I guess my fondest memory was stepping into the batters box and hearing my name announced over the loud speaker and seeing my name on the Crown Scoreboard. Then getting my first hit in the game, a base hit into centerfield.”

The game featured the Ban Johnson League against the Casey Stengel League.

“The chance to play on the field with friends and teammates and to win the game and receive our trophies made it a special day,” he said. “Playing against another league and being able to represent the BJ is something that is lost on the players today with there only being one league today.

The Major League scout for the Rangers appreciates what the Royals have done.

“I very much appreciated the Royals and the League for being able to, if for only one day, play on a Major League field and be treated like a big league player,” he said. “I hope that is not lost on these players as this will most likely be their only chance as players to do so.

“I hope they relish their opportunity and enjoy it and take a minute and reflect on all the players who stepped on that field to play where they are playing now. That was what was really amazing to remember.”

It was playing in the 1981 All-Star Game that helped propel **Russ Morman** to a career in professional baseball that has spanned 30 years as a player, coach and manager.

“Growing up in Independence, you dream of playing at Royals Stadium, now the K,” Morman said. “Growing up playing endless backyard games and little league seasons, and then college and BJ seasons validate the time and effort every player puts into the love of the game. The All-Star Game puts a stamp on all the hard work for every player.”

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Championship tournament highlights

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July 21

Milgram Mustangs 11, UMB Bank 10

The Mustangs scored the winning run on a two-out error in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Aaron Stubblefield was three-for-three; **Zac Shaw**, one-for-four with a homer and three RBIs and **Andrew Curry**, one-for-three with a homer and three RBIs.

Semifinals

(best of three)

July 23

Natural Baseball Academy 4, Milgram Mustangs 2

Trevor Burkdoll was two-for-three with an RBI and **Jake Vore**, one-for-two with two RBIs.

Milgram Mustangs 3, Natural Baseball Academy 1

Andrew Curry was one-for-two with a triple and an RBI and **Sam Morman** went one-for-four with a triple.

Seaboard 4, NKC Apartments 3 (8)

NKC scored two runs in the top of the eighth to take a 3-1 lead, but Seaboard came back with three runs in the bottom of the frame.

Matt McHugh went three-for-four with a double and an RBI and **Jake Harvey** was one-for-four with a double and an RBI.

Seaboard 5, NKC Apartments 4

Seaboard scored three runs in the top of the sixth to overcome an 4-2 deficit.

John Hatch went two-for-four and **Andrew Warner** was two-for-four with an RBI.

July 24

Milgram Mustangs 8, Natural Baseball Academy 7

The Mustangs came-from-behind with four runs in the bottom of the eighth.

JJ Wesley went two-for-five; **Sam Morman**, two-for-four with a homer and three RBIs; **Andrew Curry**, two-for-four with a double and **Colton Hilbrenner**, one-for-two with a double and three RBIs.

Finals

Best of five

Schedule

(All games nine innings at Mid-America Sports Complex in western Shawnee)

All games start at 6:30 p.m.

July 28

July 29

July 30

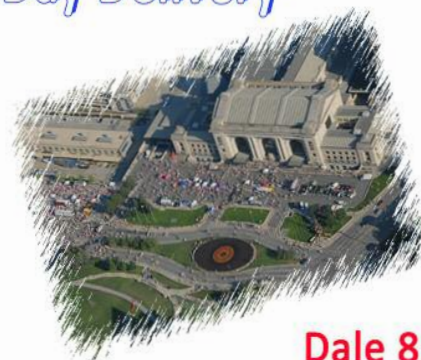
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Lasting memories

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“The All-Star game gave me a chance to play on the field I grew up going to as a kid,” he added. “My All-Star appearance opened the door for me to extend my college career not knowing that (Wichita State coach) Gene Stephenson was in the crowd watching another player he was recruiting from the area.

“Which brings me to a saying you always hear, “Play your best you never know who is watching you play that night.”

His play in the All-Star game eventually led to Wichita State offering him a scholarship.

“I took the offer and began a journey that not only allowed me to continue my education but gave me a chance to play Division I baseball,” he said. “My two years at Wichita State landed me a chance to be drafted by the Chicago White Sox (in the first round).

“I’m now 30 plus years in the game, so I would say that the BJ All-Star game was very instrumental in opening the door to give me a chance in my baseball life.”

Morman played Major League Baseball for the White Sox, Royals and Florida Marlins.

He is now the manager of the Giants’ AA Richmond Flying Squirrels in the Eastern League.



WATCH ME - Bryan Rezin, BJ Raider All-Star second baseman, confers with Manager Mike Herr in the first of two games versus NKC Apartments July 11 at the Mid-America Sports Complex.

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Championship series starts on Monday

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In the other quarterfinal series, Natural Baseball Academy defeated Regal Plastics in two games and NKC Apartments upset No. 3 seed BJ Raiders in two games.

The two best of three semifinal series were

both close and interesting setting up an interesting championship series.

As Seaboard manager **Will Meier** said, "We need to continue to do the same things that got us here. It is going to take a total team effort."

All games are nine inning single games in the best of five series.