

**DEAL SYNAGOGUE SOFTBALL LEAGUE
PLAYOFF SCHEDULE
TO BE PLAYED AUGUST 7, 1983**



First Game

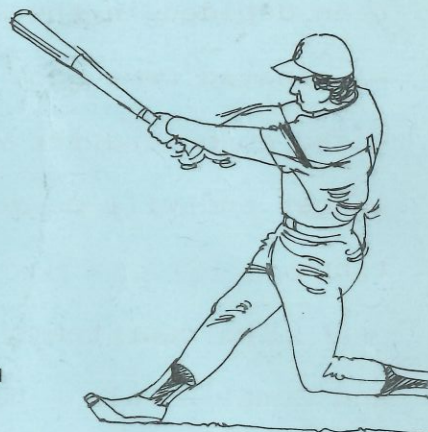
10:00 AM

Second Game

11:30 AM

or

5:45 PM To be announced



**Match-ups will be
DYNASTY VS MIDNIGHT RAMBLERS
and
GEMALS PALS VS FRONT-RUNNERS**

All Single Games

SCORES OF GAMES PLAYED JULY 31

**STEELERS - 4
RAMBLERS - 3**

**PALS - 2
BRIGADES - 1**

**ESQUIRES - 6
DYNASTY - 4**

**RAMBLERS - 3
STEELERS - 2**

**PALS - 7
BRIGADES - 1**

**DYNASTY - 4
ESQUIRES - 2**

**FRONT-RUNNERS - 5
PSYCHOS - 2**





DEALINGS THE FINAL FOUR



The field becomes thinner and thinner as four more teams must now watch from the sidelines following yet another week of great suspense and excitement. Of the eleven playoff games so far, a startling five have been decided in the seventh inning or later. Those teams that have been eliminated have gone down only after being quite troublesome. As the weeks go on and the weather stays hot, the question of stamina gets larger and will be more emphatic if such tense, close-scoring games continue.

The four teams that remain - Dynasty, Front Runners, Midnight Ramblers, and Gemal's Pals - have all been playing extraordinarily well defensively and been getting the right hit at the right time. As most playoff series will reveal, this is no coincidence. The brand of ball being played is therefore smooth, intelligent and at times dazzling - the way playoffs are meant to be played. So be sure to come early on Sunday to get a good seat. And just to review...

PALS COME BACK FROM BRINK TO SWEEP WAY PAST BRIGADES 2-1, 7-1 MOE COHEN AND ZUTI GEMAL REVIVE WINNERS

All contending teams have some mixture of certain ingredients. Talent, determination and performance in the clutch are all on that list of indispensable qualities. And while Marty's men may not scare you, they do possess these things in abundance. However, they did remember to bring one other friend to the field last Sunday which ranks just as highly as any of the aforementioned - Luck. No winning team survives without creating their own breaks and capitalizing on them.

Not that the Pal's win was lucky; they got the clutch hits and played tight defense all day long. With the scores 1-0 Brigades in the first game,

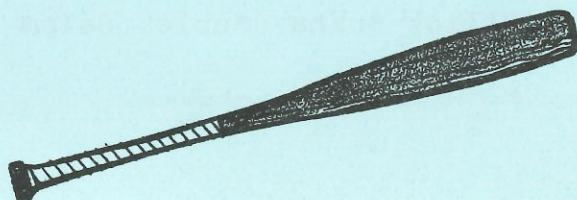
Freddie Harari hits a seventh inning single and is joined on base by Marty Gemal. Two men are out and Harold Ebani makes his way to the plate. Harold hits a line drive in the hole at shortstop. Ikey Dweck lunges and makes what appears to be series ending grab! But in raising his glove Ikey drops the ball and the umpires ruled he did not have the ball long enough. A tough call for Joey Braha's man, but they did not waiver. Peaches bears down to get a strike on Moe Cohen. The Pals are down to their last strike. But Cohen singles to score one and probably two except for the arm of Joey Braha who guns would-be winning run out at plate. And so it went to the bottom of the ninth. David Shriqui doubles and scores the winning run on a Zuti Gemal bases loaded single that evens the series at one apiece.

The second game was a more wide open affair. The Brigades open it with a run on three consecutive hits in first inning. But the inspired Pals come right back for a 2-1 lead. In the third Ikey Dweck hits the gap in left center for extra bases. Ikey tries to turn it home but another fine relay from Eddie Mishan to Ebani to the plate denies the Brigades that run. In the third, a Shriqui homer and Zuti RBI double scoring Freddie H. on nifty hook slide make it 4-1. In the sixth, with the score now 7-1, Ikey JB, and Peaches single with none out and chants of "Chip away" are heard. But Stevie Beda turns a potential Erwin Braha double into a double play to quash the Brigades' last rally.



DYNASTY ENDURES 6-4 SETBACK AND STAVES OFF ESQUIRES 4-2 GARY ERANI WITH GAME WINNER AMONG SEVEN HITS

In one of the more intense and emotional series the playoffs have seen, the Esquires come up a little short after taking Dynasty to a third game. In the first game, Mal Franco pitches out of a bases loaded, no-out



jam to give up only one run in first inning. The Esquires get their first three runs of series on a Jackie Saban homer in the bottom of the inning. An Eddie Anzarouth homer made it 5-3 after Dynasty got back two. Eli Haddad gave the Esquires some insurance on liner which Mitch Haddad made an exceptional play to throw Eli out, despite a run having scored. The final in that game was 6-4.

There were many stars for Dynasty in this series. Jackie Matalon pitched well, Ricky Franco and Richie Braha hit in the clutch, and Jeffrey Gindi did it on the basepaths while going 5 for 7. However, Gary Erani was simply superb. While eating up everything within his zip code at center, Gary went 7 for 8 on the day and had the game winning hit in the second game on a seventh inning triple. The Esquires had clawed their way back to a 2-2 tie in the sixth. Ricky Franco reaches with one out in the seventh and scores on Gary's hit. Richie Braha follows with an important single to make it 4-2. The hit was important because the Esquires would not go down without one last fight. Abie Esses and Johnny Dayan start it with singles, and after Joel Rishty just misses tying game on a ball narrowly missing the rightfield line, Robert Braha singles to load the bases. Michael Mishaan is the batter. Jackie comes in with a 2 and 0 pitch that Mishaan hits up the middle. But Eli Gindi is there as he was all series, making all the plays that came his way. Eli makes a one-hand backhand stab and Dynasty moves on to face the Ramblers.

RAMBLERS RUMBLE PAST STEELERS 3-2 AFTER OPENING 4-3 DEFEAT MITCHELL GEMAL AND RONNIE GINDI PROVIDE AMMUNITION

Amazingly, each game in this series was decided by one run and that run was scored in the seventh inning each time. The first game saw the Ramblers build a 3-0 lead in first inning on Eddie Azar Cohen (3 for 6 and a walk on day) single, Elliot Braha double, Salem sacrifice fly,

Eddie Ash walk, and Mitchell's triple and 2 RBI's. The Steelers come back from near-extinction however to tie it at 3-3. This sets the stage for JoJo Heiney in the seventh, as Joey got all of a hanging slider to deposit a 4-3 win in bank for the Steelers.

The Steeler's account began to look good, but then Ronnie Gindi began to make some withdrawals. Ronnie played an excellent shortstop even by his standards. Trailing 1-0, Mitchell Gemal singles with the bases loaded to tie the game at 1-1. Again down by one, Mitchell drives in Stevie Salem, who had doubled, to tie it 2-2 after six. But in the seventh, Sammy Saka leads off with a single, Eddie Azar Cohen walks, and Ronny brings Saka and the victory home with a double.

FRONT RUNNERS BYPASS PSYCHOS 5-2 FOR LONE SWEEP OF PLAYOFFS

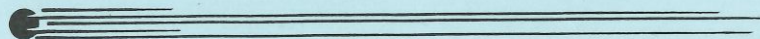
RAYMOND BEYDA NEARLY HITS FOR CYCLE

We are sure the only thing which stopped Raymond from completing the cycle was another time at bat. He had three hits and as many runs batted in. In the first inning Sammy Cohen got Eddie Beda's squad off and running with a sharp single to put runners on first and third. Nathan Tawil hit a sacrifice fly for one, and Raymond's single made it 2-0. The Psychos did get their hits, but Front spread them around with some fine clutch pitching, the Runners taking it 5-2. A hearty congratulations are offered to Eddie, Sammy, Alan and the rest of the "old-time" Front Runners.

WHETHER ANYONE IS ASKING OR NOT...

DYNASTY VS MIDNIGHT RAMBLERS

Both teams have survived tight series and are all the stronger for it. There will be no giving up - there are too many clutch players on both sides. The pitchers can be tough but are hittable, and the defenses have been making the big plays. Dynasty may have a little more talent



in a few more places, but this series will go all the way. Dynasty in three.

FRONT RUNNERS VS GEMAL,S PALS

As mentioned before, the Runners were the only team to sweep through their series while making one writer eat his words. Don't play enough defense? They held the powerful Psychos to a few runs. Still, Gemal's Pals has the defense and the no-names and seems to be riding on destiny. Too close to call? Pals in three. (We don't back away from anything here).



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