Fan Cam!

Summary!

The power teams so far!

19+ Flying Squirrels take down the mighty Senators for sole 1st place at 3-0!
30+ Expos and Rebels also stay undefeated! Can they stay that way?
Legends of the Week!

As a co-captain of the Eagles, Leo Fitz Harris is a leader on the team regardless of his personal performance each week. His presence is a key to our success. This week’s game against the Isotopes though, Leo had 4 hits, 3 RBI and scored 2 runs. As our catcher, he orchestrated our pitchers Dave Hays and Dom DiFatta to allow only 7 hits, 3 earned runs, 4 strike outs and only 1 walk. Leo also made several great defensive plays to get out us out of tight innings.

Leo before his smash!

Hurricanes skipper Greg "Budman" Budnik had a "LOTW" day, going 4-for-4 with 3 RBI's and a GWRBI homerun as well as picking up the win on the mound (5 IP, 3 ER, 1 BB) against the Nationals.

Greg “and friend” at the post-game news conference!
Team Game Summaries

Game reports by the managers. Photos are courtesy of “The Commish” or the managers.

19+ Division

*The Bison (19+)*

What, no report?!

*The Mavericks (19+)*

What, no report?!

*The Flying Squirrels (19+)*

Another beautiful spring morning greeted the Flying Squirrels and the Senators in a matchup of the two remaining undefeated teams in the 19+ division. The Senators came out swinging as DJ Phillips blasted a leadoff solo homerun to center field, and the Sens added another run on a walk and a single to take a 2-0 lead in the top of the 1st. The Squirrels, facing their first deficit of the season, stuck to the plan and managed to plate one run in the bottom of the first. Squirrels starting pitcher and Legend-of-the-Week nominee Jeff Miller righted the ship after the shaky first inning, shutting the Sens down in innings 2-5 aided by a couple timely double plays, one unassisted 6-3, and one 4-6-3 by shortstop Curtis N. and second baseman Tyler W., on his way to a 5 inning, 5 K, 2 runs allowed stat line, and earning himself the W. The Flying Squirrels never looked back after scoring 3 in the bottom of the 3rd inning to take a 4-2 lead and added another 6 runs over the course of the game as they improve to 3-0 with the 10-2 victory. This Squirrels squad has shown the ability to relentlessly drive in runs with batters 1-12, and play very solid defense. They now look to avenge their spring ’13 championship loss against the defending champion Nationals.
Action from Squirrels v. Senators
The River Bandits (19+)

What, no report?!

The Senators (19+)

What, no report?!

The Hurricanes (19+)

What a difference a week makes! Well … and better hitting, fielding and pitching too. The Canes hosted the Nationals for a second week of beautiful baseball weather in Prince William County – this time at Leitch Field and its all-around short porch 305’ fence. After losing to the 2012 champions at the polar opposite of fields (Pfitzner Stadium) last Easter Sunday, the Hurricanes were intent on exorcising the demons of that previous game (allowing too many walks, committing untimely errors and a lack of offense), but it was the Nationals who once again jumped out to an early lead in the first inning on a towering 3-run homer to center by the Nats Chris Herald, followed by three more Nats runs in the top of the second. Down 6-0, short on players and pitchers, and facing the same possible outcome as last week, the Canes bats woke up and took advantage of the Nats second tier pitchers in a big way, putting up a 4-run bottom of the 2nd inning and adding more crooked numbers to the scoreboard the majority of the next seven innings. Top offensive honors this week go to manager Greg Budnik (4-for-4, 3 RBI’s, 1HR) and pitcher/first-baseman Mike Romano (3-for-4, 3 RBI’s). Catchers Josh Hauserman (3-for-5, 1 RBI, double) and Will Glover (2 singles, 2 RBI’s) added to the hit parade.

Even more important than matching the Nats hit-for-hit for the first half of the game was the Canes solid defense in this game. Seemingly every Nationals rally after the 3rd inning was crushed by three amazing double plays turned in the infield by Alan Oberheim (short), Adam Oberheim (second), Will Glover (third) and Mike Romano (first). Yeah, you heard that right … three textbook ground ball double plays (6-4-3 and 5-4-3) in a Legends 19+ game!
Greg Budnik pitched five innings, gave up 3 ER (1 BB, 1 pick-off, 0 strikeouts – thanks defense!) to get the win. Dave Kellmel, the newly minted closer for the Canes, picked up the two-inning save (0 ER, 4 K’s, 0 BB).

All told, the past two weeks’ games defined the classic offensive duel that has been “legendary” between the Nats and Canes with a total of 47 runs scored between the two teams (Canes 26, Nats 21) in the last two weeks. Looking forward to the playoffs!
Mike “Cheesesteak” Romano hammering an RBI double as part of a 3-for-4 day with 3 RBI’s

Will “Walk Off” Glover drives in a run

Catcher Josh “House” Hauserman

Dave “The Closer” Kellmel

*The Nationals (19+)*

What, no report?!
30+ Division

The Generals

What, no report?!

The Isotopes

What, no report?!

The Cardinals

What, no report?!

The Padres

The Padres played a great all-around game on Sunday. Led by their offense and capped off with two home runs - one by their skipper and another by Frank the Tank - the Padres hit the ball hard all day. They didn't need to score as many runs as they did, as Jim pitched five efficient, shut out innings and Mike and Frank combined to close out the game.
Rebels continued to swing the bats in Game 3 as they outgunned the Mavericks 16-10 at South County High amassing 15 hits in a time-run-out 6 inning game. Early relief by middle reliever Scott Knapp kept the game under control following an erratic return of Rebel Starter Mark Cowdin who's forced exit from the hill in the 1st followed two plunked Mavs batters. Rebel offensive highlights included Famous Dray's 2-run double in the 5th, a clutch single by rookie Rebel Pete McFadden in the 6th, a screamer line drive by Ty to the gap that fortunately for the Mavs ended up in the left fielder's glove (nice play), and a 4 for 5 day by the Rebel Skipper. McFadden's hot glove at first saved a key run and Dave Narins closed the deal with his first save of the Spring season.

OMG! The Redlegs lost another heartbreaker when “Chris” Christianson tried to steal home to tie the game in the bottom of the 9th! After the literal dust settled, he was called out and the game ended! “I have a lot to make up for the rest of the season,” he explained.

The Eagles and Isotopes played to a near draw for the first 4 innings before the Eagles turned on a barrage of hits on way to a 17-4 win on Sunday. It was the first meeting of the newer Legends expansion teams on an early and very chilly morning at beautiful South County Field in Lorton.

The Isotope pitching staff kept the Eagles off balance for the first few innings. After trading off 3 run innings in the 3rd and well played, tight innings in the 4th and 5th the score stood at 8-4. But a huge 7 run, 7th inning put the game away. Nine Eagles players had multiple hit games lead by Dom DiFatta (4), Leo Fitz Harris (4), Dave Hays (3), Chris Sia (3), Fred Crawford (3) and Todd Savage (3). Chris (Iceman) Bayless made his Legends debut at the plate drawing a bases loaded walk for his first RBI.
Coach Codi Dudley described the game as very fundamentally sound for the Eagles. "We executed plays and situations just as we practiced over the winter workouts. It was a virtually error free game for us as well. Dave Hays and Dom DiFatta both had their best games of the season on the mound. After being off balance at the plate for the first few innings, our bats really came alive. We had some very good situational hits and productive outs to move runners. I am very proud of our team”.

Next week the Eagles get to sleep in for a while, which will make most of them very happy. Given the way they played on Sunday though, perhaps they are a team of early risers!

The Expos (30+)

What, no report?!

The Pirates (30+)

What, no report?!

Game Summaries from the managers.
Pictures from team reps.