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Race for playoff positions still close

The race for the top positions in the post-season tournament remains close with the All-Star Game looming on July 18.

A team that has been in the Ban Johnson League for many years - UMB Bank, is in the middle of the battle for one of the top four spots.

And the third-year KC Bandits are also in the hunt.

The two keys for UMB Bank has been pitching and defense.

“Early our pitching has been lights out,” coach **Adam Clay** said. Pitching has been our strong point.”

Clay pointed to **Chad Gordon**, **Joe Kassanovoid** and **Zach Devalle**. He also mentioned pitchers **Todd Hughson** and **Michael Crilly**.

Kassanovoid has been the closer and plays in the outfield. Devalle is coming back after missing a year because of an injury.

“Hitting, we have not hit for a lot of power,” Clay said. “We have relied on timely hits and playing small ball to scratch across a few runs.”

Clay said that Kassanovoid has been the hitting leader. He also pointed to the contributions of first baseman **Nick Doughty**, outfielder **Bubba Dotson**, third baseman **Kyle Clifton** and catcher **Phil Garrison**.

“We need to keep pitching, playing stellar defense and getting timely hitting to continue our success throughout the rest of the 2010 season,” Clay said. “If we can do this, we have a chance to make a run to the championship.”



GO HOME - **Chad Shannon**, Seaboard outfielder, takes a wide turn towards third base and comes around to score June 25 at Mid-America Sports Complex. Seaboard beat UMB, 4-3, in the first game, but lost the nightcap, 7-2

The Bandits are just in their third year in the Ban Johnson League, but they are making their presence known this season.

“We have a group of young men that I am proud to be associated with both on and off the field,” third-year manager **Pete Ingles** said. “Our success this year can not be attributed to just a few good players, but is directly related to the collective desire to do what is necessary to help the team win.”

Ingles has been pleased so far.

“I knew going into the season that our pitching and defense would be solid,” he said. “However, I wasn’t sure what to expect related to our offensive production. I am very pleased with our run production, with the entire lineup contributing to our success.”

Ingles pointed to **Jason Solma**, **John Pomatto**, **Harrison Cobb** and **David Garcia** in the offensive department.

He said the pitching has been led by **Mark Spreckels**, **Christian Witt**, **Ryan Romo** and **Zach Gove**. And he said that **Jake Sullinger** and **Ollie Kade** have been consistent out of the bullpen.

“I think the key to our success the rest of the season is to stay loose, have fun, and have players continue to demonstrate their leadership on the field,” Ingles said. “I feel that this team has an attitude where they refuse to lose. The group thus far has been able to do whatever needed to win games. This attitude going forward will put us in the best position to finish the season strong.”

Notable Numbers presented by Independence Ridge Apts.

(Statistics are through July 2)

Batting Average

(based on a minimum of 40 at bats)

1. Taylor Sibala, BJ Raiders	.455
2. Jason Solma, KC Bandits	.450
3. Jarid Renzelman, MSBL Royals	.436
4. Devin O'Rourke, Building Champions	.429
5. David Smith, BJ Raiders	.422
6. Samuel Campbell, Vipers	.385
6. Jonathan Pomatto, KC Bandits	.385
8. Joe Kassanavoid, UMB Bank	.382
9. Joshua Dennett, KC Bandits	.375
10. Kyle Pener, Seaboard	.366

Doubles

1. Freddie Adamson, BJ Raiders	9
1. Taylor Sibala, BJ Raiders	9
3. Andrew Kuhn, NKC Apartments	8
4. Joe Kassanavoid, UMB Bank	7
5. (Two tied with six each)	

Triples

1. Freddie Adamson, BJ Raiders	3
1. Joe Kassanavoid, UMB Bank	3
3. (Five tied with two each)	

Home Runs

1. David Wade, NKC Apartments	2
2. (Nine tied with one each)	

Runs Batted In

1. Freddie Adamson, BJ Raiders	21
2. Andrew Kuhn, NKC Apartments	17
3. Joe Kassanavoid, UMB Bank	13
3. Taylor Sibala, BJ Raiders	13
5. (Three tied with 12 each)	

Earned Run Average

(based on a minimum of 18 innings)

1. Kyle Gehrs, Building Champions	0.28
2. Fall Landon, NKC Apartments	0.34
3. Kyle Seithel, Building Champions	1.00
4. Matthew Bergin, Vipers	1.54
5. Christian Witt, KC Bandits	1.60
6. Ryan Hafner, Building Champions	1.69
7. Vince Spilker, Seaboard	2.33
8. Zack DeValle, UMB Bank	2.59
9. Brett Pener, Seaboard	2.66
10. Alexander Dunn, MSBL Royals	2.71

Strikeouts

1. Christian Witt, KC Bandits	37
3 2. Kyle Gehrs, Building Champions	32
3 2. Ryan Hafner, Building Champions	32
4. Vince Spilker, Seaboard	31
5. Mark Spreckels, KC Bandits	30
5. Colin Warren, UMB Bank	30
7. Christian Warren, BJ Raiders	29
8. Eric Silkwood, KC Blues	28
9. Colin Letcher, NKC Apartments	27
10. (Three tied with 25 each)	



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Ban Johnson League Standings

(thru July 2)

	W	L	GB
Building Champions	14	6	----
MSBL Royals	13	6	.5
UMB Bank	12	7	1.5
KC Bandits	12	7	1.5
Milgram Mustangs	10	6	2.0
BJ Raiders	11	9	3.0
KC Vipers	10	11	4.5
Seaboard	9	10	4.5
NKC Apts.	7	13	6.5
Regal Plastics	6	17	9.5
KC Blues	5	17	10.0

Pener twins pitch and catch for Seaboard

It has not been unusual in the Ban Johnson League to have brother batteries.

What is unusual, according to veteran observers of the league, is to have a twin battery. And that is just what Seaboard has with left handed pitcher **Brett Pener** and twin brother **Kyle Pener**. Kyle is the older brother by 10 minutes.

The twins graduated from Blue Valley Northwest in 2008. Kyle played basketball and soccer while Brett just participated in baseball.

Brett went to Johnson County Community College and last year played for Seaboard.

Kyle went to Central Missouri and played in the MINK League for the Sedalia team last season before joining Brett with Seaboard this season.

Kyle, a left-handed pitcher, took a medical red-shirt this college season because of a shoulder problem.

He will be a sophomore at UCM this fall where he is studying business management.

Brett did not play too much for JCCC, but is getting plenty of action behind the plate for Seaboard.

“There is pretty good competition in this league,” Brett, who will be attending Ottawa University this fall, said.

Kyle enjoys playing in the Ban Johnson League.

“It is a great league to get better in,” he said. “I am getting to throw a lot of innings.”

Brett Pener has a record of 2-2 in games through July 1. He has an ERA of 3.89 with 24 strikeouts.

Kyle Pener is hitting .366.



Twin Battery - Kyle Pener (left) catches for brother **Brett Pener** on Seaboard.



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Highlights

Here is a look at the game highlights since the last issue of the BJ Beacon:

June 21

KC Bandits 5, Building Champions 0

Christian Witt tossed a two-hit shutout, fanning 11. **Harrison Cobb** went three-for-four with a double and stolen base. **David Garcia** and **Jonathan Pomatto** had an RBI single each.

Building Champions 5, NKC Apts 3 (8)

Horace Johnson had an RBI double in the eighth inning. **Brenden Hensley** combined to hurl a three-hitter. **Kyle Gehrs** allowed two hits and struckout nine in six innings. **Deven O'Rourke** was three-for-four with a pair of doubles and an RBI.

June 22

Milgram Mustangs 5, MSBL Royals 4

Milgram rallied from a 4-2 deficit in the bottom of the seventh on a three-run triple by **Gilberto Pena**.

The Royals **Devin Hupp** was three-for-four with an RBI

MSBL Royals 5, Milgram Mustangs 0

Stephen Maurin was three-for-three with two RBIs and **Travis Quick** and **Jarid Renzelman** were each two-for-three. **Justin Huggins** fanned seven and scattered four hits in the complete game effort.

KC Bandits 7, KC Blues 2

Jason Solma was three-for-four with an RBI; **David Garcia**, two-for-two with a double and two RBIs and **Kyle Seagraves**, three-for-three.

KC Bandits 5, KC Blues 3

Jonathan Pomatto was three-for-three with a two-run triple.

NKC Apartments 11, UMB Bank 8 (9)

David Wade had a two-run triple in the ninth. **Nicholas Lichtenberger** picked up the victory in relief working 2 2/3-innings.

Vipers 8, Seaboard 7

The Vipers scored five runs in the seventh inning. **Boone Plager** was two-for-four with an RBI and **Joshua Bennett** added two RBIs

Vipers 5, Building Champions 3

Boone Plager was two-for-four with two RBIs and **Brad Alberts**, two-for-three with an RBI.

June 23

UMB Bank 3, BJ Raiders 2

Cullen Baxter had a two-run single in the bottom of the seventh.

BJ Raiders 6, UMB Bank 1

Kyle Barrett allowed one run on seven hits, fanning three and walking one. **Taylor Sibala** had a three-run double.

June 24

UMB Bank 6, MSBL Royals 4

Cameron Bentley, **Joseph Kassanovoid** and **Kyle Clifton** combined for six of UMB's eight hits.

MSBL Royals 5, UMB Bank 2

The Royals got an RBI single by **David Richards** and an RBI double by **Kevin Joyce**.

Building Champions 11, Vipers 5

Sal Balfonte was two-for-three with three RBIs;

Sean McHugh was two-for-four with three RBIs and **Mitch Meyer** was two-for-four with a homer and three RBIs.

June 25

Seaboard 4, UMB Bank 3 (8)

John Calhoun had the game-winning RBI in the bottom of the eighth.

UMB Bank 7, Seaboard 2

Joe Kassanovoid went two-for-three with a triple and RBI single.

MSBL Royals 8, Regal Plastics 2

The Royals scored six runs in the bottom of the second. **Devin Hupp** and **David Richards** each had two hits.

MSBL Royals 3, Regal Plastics 1

Devin Hupp went two-for-four with a double and home run.

June 26

NKC Apartments 3, BJ Raiders 2

Jarrod Bennett had an RBI single and **Pat McCoy** of the Raiders had a two-run single.

NKC Apartments 12, Regal Plastics 1

Andrew Kuhn was three-for-four with four RBIs and **David Wade**, one-for-three with three RBIs.

Building Champions 4, KC Blues 0

Kyle Gehrs tossed a no-hitter, fanning five and walking two.

Sean McHugh was one-for-three and **Mitch Meyer**, one-for-three with an RBI.

KC Blues 8, Vipers 2

John Kane was three-for-three with an RBI and **Ben Cox**, three-for-four with an RBI.

June 27

Building Champions 2, Seaboard 0

Allen Salavict went two-for-two with a double and **Thomas Mancuso**, three-for-four with an RBI. **Kyle Seithel** pitched a complete game shutout, scattering four hits.

Seaboard 8, Building Champions 0

John Calhoun went three-for-three with a double and an RBI; **Ryan Hall**, two-for-three with an RBI; **Chad Shannon**, three-for-four with an RBI and **John Burgat**, two-for-three with a double and RBI.

BJ Raiders 11, NKC Apartments 2

Taylor Sibala was four-for-five; **David Smith**, four-for-five with two RBIs; **Freddie Adamson**, two-for-five with three RBIs and **Eddie High**, two-for-five with two RBIs.

BJ Raiders 3, NKC Apartments 2

The Raiders won the game in the bottom of the seventh when **Matthew Watkins** was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. **Taylor Sibala** was two-for-four with an RBI and **David Smith**, two-for-four.

KC Bandits 3, Regal Plastics 2 (8)

Peter Ingles was two-for-four with the game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the eighth. **Joshua Ragsdale** was two-for-four with an RBI and **Kanon Peterson**, one-for-four with an RBI.

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MBSL Royals 13, KC Bandits 1

The Royals scored eight runs in the fourth. **David Richards** was two-for-four with two RBIs; **David Renzelman**, three-for-four and **Travis Quick**, one-for-two with two RBIs.

June 28

KC Bandits 5, BJ Raiders 3

Harrison Cobb, **Jonathan Pomatto** and **Cole Fergus** combined for the six of the seven Bandit hits.

BJ Raiders 6, KC Bandits 1

Taylor Sibala went two-for-four with an RBI double and **Freddie Adamson** had a bases-loaded triple.

KC Vipers 10, Regal Plastics 3

Boone Plager had two hits and three RBIs and **Riley Price** had four RBIs.

Regal's **Marcus Pearler** had two hits and two RBIs.

KC Blues 8, NKC Apartments 5

Michael Wasche had a two-run double.

NKC's **Andrew Kuhn** had two hits and drive in two runs.

June 29

Regal Plastics 3, Vipers 1

Marcus Peavler went two-for-three with a double.

Vipers 2, Regal Plastics 0

Jeremy Tate fanned eight in hurling the shutout. **Samuel Campbell** was two-for-three with an RBI double.

MSBL Royals 7, BJ Raiders 3

Jared Renzelman was two-for-four; **Stephen Mauren**,



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Milgram outfielder Smith was a pioneer

DeMorris Smith was selected to the BJ All-75 Year team picked back in 2002 on the 75th anniversary of the founding of the league.

Smith was an outfielder for Milgram from 1956 through 1958.

"I played in the American Legion Baseball League from 1953 to 1956," he said. "There were teammates from the American Legion playing for Milgram and they suggested that I

tryout for the team in 1956."

During his three years with Milgram he was the centerfielder.

"The one event that I will always remember is the City Championship in 1957 in which Milgram played and beat the team from the 3 and 2 League. At that time no (person of color) were allowed to play in the 3&2 League."

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on-for-two with an RBI and **Hunter Johnson**, two-for-three with an RBI.

KC Blues 5, NKC Apartments 4 (8)

Tyler Smith's sacrifice fly scored the winning run in the bottom of the eighth.

NKC Apartments 11, KC Blues 4

Brett Slobodzian was two-for-three with a double and three RBIs and **Jarrold Bennett** went two-for-three.

June 30

Vipers 7, NKC Apartments 6

Boone Plager had a two-run double and **Nick Allen** had an RBI single.

Patrick Richard of NKC had a two-run single.

NKC Apartments 8, Vipers 7

The Vipers jumped out to an 6-0 lead in the first two innings, but NKC came back to win the game. **Jarrold Bennett** had a two-run single.

Building Champions 3, KC Blues 2

Brett Miller had an RBI and **Matthew Garcia** two RBIs. **Ryan Hafner** gave up just one earned run and four hits, while fanning eight.

Building Champions 8, KC Blues 1

Devin O'Rourke was four-for-four with a double and three RBIs. **Matthew Garcia** went six innings for the win, fanning five and walking three.



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