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Championship tourney underway

The 2011 championship tournament is underway.

First round games were played starting on Sunday, July 17.

The teams making the best of three quarterfinals were; BJ Raiders, Seaboard, Milgram Mustangs, UMB Bank, NKC Apts., Natural Baseball Academy, Mac-N-Seitz Indians and MSBL Royals.

Two of the three first-year teams made the quarterfinals in the Mac-N-Seitz Indians and Natural Baseball Academy.

UMB Bank and Mac-N-Seitz swept their quarterfinal series.

NKC Apts. beat Natural Baseball in three games as did Seaboard vs. BJ Raiders.

The semifinal best of three series was scheduled to start on Friday with Mac-N-Seitz meeting Seaboard and NKC Apts. vs. UMB Bank in the other semifinal.

If there are no weather delays, the best of five championship series is scheduled to start on Tuesday at Mid America Sports Complex. There will be one game a night until the winner is decided.



No Throw - **AJ Gidden** of KC Bandits doubled and scored in the first round of the tournament July 17 at Mid-America. Guarding home plate is Regal Plastics catcher **Michael Wasche**.

All-Star Game set for Sunday

The 43rd Ban Johnson League All-Star Game hosted by the Royals is set for Sunday at Kauffman Stadium.

The game will follow the Royals-Rays game and the Fun Run after the contest.

The B All-Stars are from Regal Plastics, Natural Baseball, BJ Raiders, Mac-N-Seitz and the Midwest Orioles, KC Bandits and Seaboard.

The J All-Stars are from the Milgram Mustangs, NKC Apts., Building Champions, MSBL Royals, KC Blues and UMB Bank.

The rosters are on page 3.

The B All-Stars are managed by **Mike Herr** of the BJ Raiders, while Building Champions' **Brad Willis** is the J All-Stars manager.

The umpires are **Chris Kamler** (HP); **Mike Arel** (1B); **Woody Haywood** (2B) and **Ron Aulet** (3B).



Notable Numbers presented by Independence Ridge Apts.

(Final unofficial statistics)

Batting Average

(based on a minimum of 60 at bats)

1. Taylor Sibala, BJ Raiders	.444
2. Nathan Koontz, NKC Apts.	.429
3. John Calhoun, Seaboard	.426
4. Kyle Pener, Seaboard	.414
5. Tyler Brewer, NKC Apts.	.400
6. Bubba Dotson, Seaboard	.394
7. Keith Langtry, NKC Apts.	.364
8. Hunter Johnson, MSBL Royals	.361
9. Jarid Renzelman, MSBL Royals	.360
10. Miles Shelton, Milgram Mustangs	.355

Doubles

1. David Longmore, BJ Raiders	13
2. Bubba Dotson, UMB Bank	9
2. Hunter Johnson, MSBL Royals	9
2. David Richards, MSBL Royals	9
5. (3 tied with 8 each)	

Triples

1. Nathan Koontz, NKC Apts	4
1. Dylan Becker, Mac-N-Seitz	4
3. Alec Sartain, BJ Raiders	3
3. Taylor Sibala, BJ Raiders	3
5. (12 tied with two each)	

Home Runs

1. David Wade, NKC Apts.	5
2. Joseph Kassanavoid, UMB Bank	4
3. John Calhoun, Seaboard	3
4. (3 tied with two each)	

Runs Batted In

1. David Wade, NKC Apts.	27
2. Joseph Kassanavoid, UMB Bank	25
3. Nathan Koontz, NKC Apts.	20
4. Kyle Pener, Seaboard	16
4. Bradley Foss, BJ Raiders	16
4. David Richards, MSBL Royals	16

Pitching

Earned Run Average

(based on a minimum of 26 innings)

1. Daniel Peterson, UMB Bank	0.57
2. Eric Silkwood, KC Blues	0.96
3. David Reese, NKC Apts.	1.12
4. Ryan Revoir, Midwest Orioles	1.13
5. Ethan Appleby, Mac-N-Seitz	1.40
6. Jarrod Miller, Natural Baseball	1.49
7. Richard Wright, Milgram Mustangs	1.68
8. Zak Anstine, MSBL Royals	2.00
9. Montana Kiler, Seaboard	2.25
10. David Collins, Milgram Mustangs	2.39

Strikeouts

1. David Peterson, UMB Bank	56
2. Zak Anstine, MSBL Royals	49
3. Ryan Revoir, Midwest Orioles	46
4. Eric Silkwood, KC Blues	45
5. Lee Stoppleman, KC Blues	41
6. Jake Jones, Milgram Mustangs	37
7. Nathan Horton, BJ Raiders	35
8. (3 tied with 33 each)	



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Ban Johnson League Standings

	FINAL		
	W	L	GB
BJ Raiders	19	7	----
Milgram Mustangs	19	7	----
Mac-N-Seitz	16	10	3.0
NKC Apts.	16	10	3.0
Natural Baseball	14	12	5.0
MSBL Royals	14	12	5.0
KC Blues	13	13	6.0
UMB Bank	13	13	6.0
Seaboard	12	14	7.0
Building Champions	10	16	9.0
Regal Plastics	9	17	10.0
KC Bandits	9	17	10.0
Midwest Orioles	5	21	14.0

All-Star Game Rosters

B All-Stars

Donnie Beal	KC Bandits	P
Ethan Appleby	Mac-N-Seitz	P
Matthew Bergin	Seaboard	P
Jesse Foulk	Regal Plastics	P
Nathan Horton	BJ Raiders	P
John Huber	Regal Plastics	P
Jarrold Miller	Natural Baseball	P
Milan Pleacher	BJ Raiders	P
Nathan Reuter	Midwest Orioles	P
Ryan Revior	Midwest Orioles	P
James Rhodes	Mac-N-Seitz	P
Kyle Pener	Seaboard	C
Ian Robinson	Natural Baseball	C
Tyler Bean	Regal Plastics	1B
Jake Vore	Natural Baseball	1B
Luke Slagle	Mac-N-Seitz	1B
John Calhoun	Seaboard	2B
Taylor Sibala	BJ Raiders	2B
Peter Ingles	KC Bandits	2B
Robert Burns	Regal Plastics	3B
Bradley Foss	BJ Raiders	3B
Harrison Cobb	KC Bandits	SS
Dylan Becker	Mac-N-Seitz	SS
Blake Hageman	Regal Plastics	SS
David Smith	BJ Raiders	SS
David Chew	Natural Baseball	OF
Marcus Peavler	Regal Plastics	OF
Lee Ridenhour	Midwest Orioles	OF
Kaleb Shaw	BJ Raiders	OF
James Vega	Midwest Orioles	OF
Tyler Engelhart	KC Bandits	OF
Joshua Dennett	Seaboard	DH
Mason Mershon	Midwest Orioles	DH

J All-Stars

Zac Anstine	MSBL Royals	P
David Collins	Milgram Mustangs	P
James Fitzgearlds	NKC Apts.	P
Nicholas Lichtenberger	NKC Apts.	P
Daniel Peterson	UMB Bank	P
David Reese	NKC Apts.	P
David Richards	MSBL Royals	P
Eric Silkwood	KC Blues	P
Dustin Ulrich	KC Blues	P
Richard Wright	Milgram Mustangs	P
Jacob Dahlgren	Building Champions	P
Jakes Jones	Milgram Mustangs	P
Philip Garrison	UMB Bank	C
James Hood	NKC Apts.	C
Brad Law	NKC Apts.	C
Ben Cox	KC Blues	1B
Jarid Renzelman	MSBL Royals	1B
Clarke O'Dowd	Milgram Mustangs	1B
Tyler Brewer	NKC Apts.	2B
Ben Reynoldson	KC Blues	2B
Andrew Watts	Building Champions	2B
Kyle Clifton	UMB Bank	3B
Hunter Johnson	MSBL Royals	3B
Chase Kuehl	Milgram Mustangs	3B
Kevin Joyce	MSBL Royals	SS
Miles Shelton	Milgram Mustangs	SS
Joshua Barnes	KC Blues	OF
Bubba Dotson	UMB Bank	OF
Joseph Kassanavoid	UMB Bank	OF
Nathan Koontz	NKC Apts.	OF
Andrew Kreilling	Building Champions	OF
Keith Langtry	NKC Apts.	OF
Thomas Herrera	Milgram Mustangs	OF
Dorian Shelton	Milgram Mustangs	OF
Sean McHugh	Building Champions	DH
David Wade	NKC Apts.	DH
Cody Cobb	UMB Bank	U



Representing the B Division are all-stars [Ryan Revior](#) of Midwest Orioles (left) and [Alan Burns](#) of Regal Plastics



All-stars [Andrew Kreilling](#) of Building Champions (left) is a J All-Star and while [Harrison Cobb](#) of KC Bandits is a B All-Star.

Regular Season Highlights

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

July 5

Natural Baseball 7, BJ Raiders 1

David Chew and **David Lammers** each went two-for-four with two RBIs each.

BJ Raiders, 5, Natural Baseball 4

Brad Foss was three-for-four with an RBI single.

KC Bandits 2, Building Champions 1 (9)

Harrison Cobb had a walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the ninth. Cobb was two-for-five with two RBIs.

KC Bandits 2, Building Champions 1

Beau Phillips was three-for-four and **Kanon Peterson**, two-for-four with a double and an RBI.

Seaboard 5, Mac-N-Seitz 2

A two-run single by **Kyle Pender** highlighted a three-run bottom of the sixth. **Ben Millard** had two RBIs.

Seaboard 3, Mac-N-Seitz 1

Michael Moore had two hits and **John Calhoun** drove in two runs. **Daniel McMurtrey** pitched a complete game, giving up just three hits.

July 6

Building Champions 4, Natural Baseball 3

Nick Roth and **Nick Kreiling** were each two-for-four.

UMB Bank 9, NKC Apts. 0

Austin Kepler went three-for-three and **Kyle Clifton**, one-for three.

July 8

Milgram Mustangs 14, Regal Plastics 2 (6)

The Mustangs got multi-hit games from **Jordan Miller**, **Jason Houston**, **Tom Herrera**, **David Collins**, **Evan Smith** and **Dorian Shelton**.

Milgram Mustangs 6, Regal Plastics 1

Tom Herrera went two-for-four with an RBI.

UMB Bank 11, KC Blues 1 (6)

Joseph Kassanavoid went three-for-four with four RBIs. He had a two-run homer.

UMB Bank 3, KC Blues 1

Joseph Kassanavoid was two-for-three with two RBIs. On the mound, he pitched a complete game, fanning eight.

MSBL Royals 8, Midwest Orioles 5

Adam Petz was two-for-four and **Michael Rezin**, three-for-four with an RBI.

July 9

NKC Apts. 10, Midwest Orioles 0 (5)

David Wade had a two-run single and **J.P. LaMunyon** had a two-run double.

NKC Apts. 18, Midwest Orioles 0 (5)

James Hood had two hits and three RBIs, **Jacob Kolenda** had two hits and three RBIs.

Natural Baseball 8, Building Champions 4

Joe Wieczkowski went three-for-four. The winners had multi-hit games from **Kyle Rich**, **David Chew** and **Tyler Meeks**.

Natural Baseball 2, Building Champions 0

Jacob Kissner tossed a four-hit shutout. **Corey Gragg** went two-for-three and **David Chew** had an RBI single.

MSBL Royals 8, BJ Raiders 2

David Richards was three-for-four with a homer and three RBIs and **Jarid Renzelman**, two-for-three.

BJ Raiders 3, MSBL Royals 1

David Longmore was two-for-two.

July 10

Mac-N-Seitz 6, Natural Baseball 2

Six of the nine Mac-N-Seitz batters had a hit.

David Chew of Natural Baseball had a solo home run.

Mac-N-Seitz 4, Natural Baseball 2

Dylan Becker had a three-run homer that capped a four-run bottom of the fifth.

Regal Plastics 6, Seaboard 4

Bennett Ratzloff had two hits and two RBIs and **Blake Hagerman** had two RBIs.

John Calhoun of Seaboard had a solo home run.

Regal Plastics 6, Seaboard 5

Tyler Bean had a two-run triple in the top of the seventh that gave Regal the lead.

Marcus Peavler had a three-run triple.

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July 10 (cont.)

KC Blues 8, KC Bandits 3

Ben Reynoldson was two-for-three with two RBIs; **Ben Cox**, two-for-three and **Luis Ramos**, two-for-three with two RBIs.

KC Blues 7, KC Bandits 5

Chet Harvey was three-for-three with an RBI and **Ben Reynoldson**, two-for-three with three RBIs.

UMB Bank 6, MSBL Royals 3

Joseph Kassanvoid was one-for-three with two RBIs and **Bubba Dotson**, two-for-three with an RBI.

MSBL Royals 11, UMB Bank 10 (8)

Jarid Renzelman was three-for-five with an RBI; **David Richards**, two-for-five with three RBIs and **Dylan Cole**, two-for-five with an RBI.

UMB's **Cody Cobb** was four-for-five with two RBIs.

July 11

BJ Raiders 8, Midwest Orioles 4 (8)

Taylor Sibala had a three-run triple in the top of the eighth.

BJ Raiders 3, Midwest Orioles 1

The Raiders scored three runs in the bot-



Pickoff Attempt - Cody Ball of KC Bandits is held at first base by **Tyler Bean** of Regal Plastic in the first round of the tournament July 17 at Mid-America. Ready for the call is umpire **Brad Holcomb**.

tom of the sixth.

July 12

KC Blues 5, Midwest Orioles 2

The Blues took advantage of six errors.

NKC Apts. 6, Building Champions 2

David Wade had a solo homer and **Tyler Brewer** had an RBI triple.

July 13

Mac-N-Seitz 6, Building Champions 1

Mark Boushka went two-for-three with a two-run triple.

Building Champions 7, Mac-N-Seitz 5

July 14

Mac-N-Seitz 3, UMB Bank 1

Ethan Appleby worked six innings, fanning 10.

Mac-N-Seitz 1, MSBL Royals 0

Zak Anstine worked the first six innings, striking out 11.

July 15

NKC Apts. 9, Building Champions 1

James Hood was three-for-four with five RBIs and **Tyler Brewer**, two-for-three with an RBI.



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Rojas makes it to the Detroit Tigers

Mike Rojas had more to celebrate on July 4th than Independence Day.

The former Crouch catcher and Blue Valley High School graduate was promoted by the Detroit Tigers to be their bullpen coach. He had been the minor league field coordinator.

The son of former Kansas City Royals' second baseman Cookie Rojas spent a lot of time in the minor leagues.

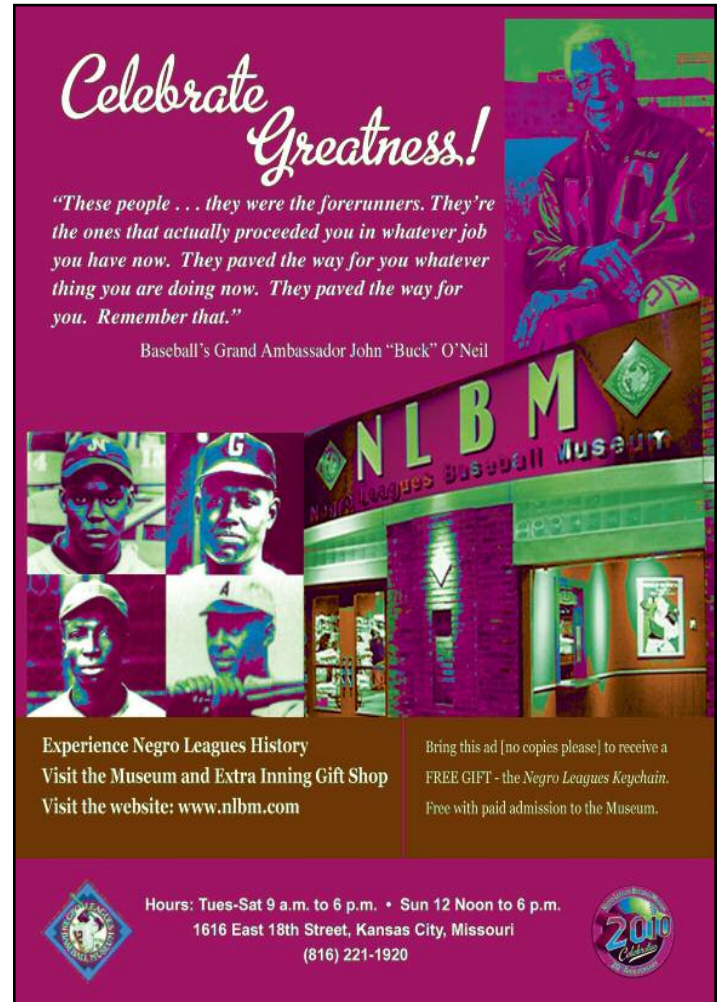
He played for two years in the low minors, coached on the collegiate level and spent 12 years as a minor league manager.

Rojas managed for the Chicago White Sox for four years, Houston Astros, two years; Cincinnati Reds for two years and four years for the Tigers.

The Tigers' bullpen coach remembers his

years growing up in the Kansas City area.

He especially remembers his time in the Royals clubhouse mingling with the Major Leaguers.



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In the pro game, only wood bats are used.

The boys of Ban Johnson summers have enjoyed playing in the league and many have found success that has translated into collegiate stardom and for some, a professional baseball contract.

One of the extras of playing in the BJ is the All-Star Game played this year on Sunday at Kauffman Stadium.

This will be the 43rd game sponsored by the Royals. The first few were at the old Municipal Stadium and the rest have been at the various names for the stadium at the Truman Sports Complex.

Players, young and old alike, will tell you that the highlight of their career was being chosen for the All-Star Game and playing on the field where MLB teams play.

For almost all of them it is their only chance to play where the big leaguers play.

Last year's MVP **Cody Cobb** said, "This was a great experience playing here. It is nice to play where the pros play."

Former BJ Raider **Shawn Stillwell** was named MVP of the All-Star Game in 2002-

2003 and 2005.

"It's something I'll never forget," he said. "Even if I hadn't ever won any of the MVP awards. The memories of it will always be more than good enough for me."

Present Milgram coach **Kevin Shaw** played in All-Star games playing for the team.

"My first All-Star Game was when the stadium still had astroturf," he said. "It was every spongy. We were the home team and I was the starting catcher."

Shaw was known for being a fast catcher.

"I always raced the runners to first base," he said. "The first batter hit a routine grounder and I popped out of my crouch ready to sprint to back up first base. And on my second step on that spongy turf, I lost my balance and went head first into it."

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| Darrell Corwin | Moody's/Feld 1957-60 | | Coach 1975-present |
| Stuart Goldman | Sports Information Director 1992-94 | ◆ Tim Presko | Boyle's Famous Corned Beef |
| | "Diamond Connections" Author | | 1974-79 |
| Don Goodwin | Milgram 1954-59 | ◆ Paul Provas | Milgram player/coach 1967-75 |
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| 1993 - Toby Ciochon , UMB Bank | 2002 - Shawn Stillwell , BJ Raiders |
| 1994 - Jay Burkhart , Lloyd's | 2003 - Shawn Stillwell , BJ Raiders |
| 1995 - Thad Lincoln , KC Creekers | 2004 - Dan Rezin , KC Bulldogs |
| 1996 - David Goodwin , Milgram Mustangs | 2005 - Shawn Stillwell , BJ Raiders |
| 1997 - Steve Kosa , NationsBank | 2006 - Jake Bradshaw , MSBL Royals |
| 1998 - Steve Roldan , Regal Plastics | 2007 - Bryan Moore , KC Blues |
| 1999 - Clint Kaeding , NKC Apts. | 2008 - Jerry Mancusco , Building Champions |
| 2000 - Robbie Ward , UMB Bank | 2009 - J.P. Bartmess , NKC Apts. |
| | 2010 - Cody Cobb , Vipers |
| | 2011 - ??????? |