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## Seaboard wins title; makes history

You might call Seaboard the comeback kids. The club finished an unprecedented run through the championship tournament with a 5-2 victory over UMB Bank on July 30 at the Mid-America Sports Complex in Shawnee.

The victory gave the team the championship series title 3-1. This is just the sixth year that Seaboard has been in the Ban Johnson League.

Seaboard finished the regular season with a record of 12-14, becoming the first team to have a losing record in the regular season and coming back to win the championship series.

Seaboard has to labor through play in round, beating defending champion Building Champions and the KC Blues to advance to the quarter-finals.

They lost the first quarterfinal game to the regular season champion BJ Raiders, but won the next two.

In the semi-finals, Seaboard dropped the first game to Mac-N-Seitz, but came back to win the next two.

And they lost the first game of the championship series with UMB Bank.

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**The Champs** - Seaboard won its first league title with a 5-2 win over UMB in the fourth and deciding game of the Post-Season Tournament July 30 at Mid-America. After losing the first game, 3-0, Seaboard won three straight games in the championship series.

*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



# J All-Stars capture All-Star Game

The J All-Stars beat the B All-Stars 6-1 in the 43rd Annual Ban Johnson All-Star Game July 24 at Kauffman Stadium.

“We got a couple of timely hits and our pitchers pitched well,” J and Building Champions manager **Brad Willis** said. We played good defense, turning three double plays.”

The J’s scored three unearned runs in the second inning. One run scored on a wild pitch and **Jarid Renzelman** of MSBL Royals and



**Memorable Moment** - **Andrew Kreiling** of Building Champions receives the MVP award from Toby Cook, Royals vice president, at the annual All-Star Game July 24 at Kauffman Stadium. Kreiling had a triple and two RBI to help lift the J all-stars to a 6-1 win over the B all-stars.

**Kevin Joyce** of the MSBL Royals added RBI singles.

The B’s scored a run in the top of the fifth, but the J’s came back with two runs with both coming on a two-out booming triple by Building Champions’ **Andrew Kreiling**.



Kreiling, who had just celebrated his 19th birthday the day before the All-Star Game, was pleased with playing at the K.

“It has always been a joy to come here and watch the Royals play, he said. “It was really great to come here and play.”



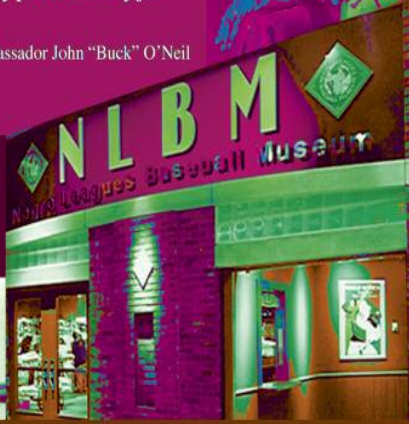
Winning the MVP Trophy made it a special day for Kreiling.

“It’s really cool to win this here, he said. “I am overjoyed right now.”

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# *Tournament Highlights presented by Salty Iguana*

Here are the highlights from the post-season tournament.

## **First Round**

**July 17**

### **KC Bandits 5, Regal Plastics 2**

**Cody Ball** was three-for-four with an RBI and **Cole Fergus**, one-for-three with two RBIs.

### **KC Blues 5, KC Bandits 4 (10)**

**Chet Harvey** was three-for-five with an RBI; **Joshua Barnes**, two-for-four with two RBIs and **Ben Reynoldson**, two-for-five.

### **Building Champions 8, Midwest Orioles 1**

**Andrew Watts** went two-for-three; **Sean McHugh**, two-for-four with an RBI; **Nick Roth**, one-for-three with an RBI and **Austin Haywood**, one-for-four with two RBIs.

### **Seaboard 3, Building Champions 0**

**Vince Spilker** hurled a one-hitter, fanning 11 and walking three. **Ben Millard** was one-for-two and **Joshua Dennett**, one-for-three with an RBI.

**July 18**

### **Seaboard 3, KC Blues 2**

**John Calhoun** and **John Oropeza** were one-for-three and **Kyle Pener**, one-for-three with an RBI.

## **Quarterfinals**

**July 19**

### **UMB Bank 7, Milgram Mustangs 5**

**Cody Cobb** was two-for-three with an RBI and **Austin Kepler** and **Vinny Smith** were two-for-four each.

### **UMB Bank 3, Milgram Mustangs 0**

**Todd Hughson** hurled a four-hitter. He fanned eight and walked four.

**Cody Cobb** and **Steven Ross** were each one-for-three.

### **NKC Apts. 6, Natural Baseball 5**

**Jacob Kolenda** was two-for-three with an RBI; **James Hood**, one-for-two; and **JP Lamunyon**, one-for-three with an RBI.

### **Natural Baseball 3, NKC Apts. 2**

**Kyle Seagraves** went two-for-three and **Zack Kroymann**, one-for-three with two RBIs.

### **Mac-N-Seitz 5, MSBL Royals 4**

**Michael Mason** was two-for-three; **David Fisher**, two-for-three with an RBI and **Patrick Burns** two-for-four with an RBI.

### **Mac-N-Seitz 8, MSBL Royals 4**

**Dylan Becker** was three-for-four with two RBIs and **Luke Slagle**, two-for-three with two RBIs.

**July 20**

### **NKC Apts. 5, Natural Baseball 3**

**Keith Langtry** went two-for-four with two RBIs and **James Hood**, two-for-three with an RBI.

### **BJ Raiders 8, Seaboard 7**

The Raiders scored six runs in the bottom of the seventh to win the game.

**David Smith** was three-for-four and **David Longmore**, one-for-four with an RBI.

### **Seaboard 8, BJ Raiders 1**

**Kyle Pener** went two-for-four with two RBIs and **Michael Moore** was one-for-three with an RBI.

**July 21**

### **Seaboard 7, BJ Raiders 3**

**Michael Moore** was two-for-four with an RBI; **John Calhoun**, one-for-three with two RBIs; **Joshua Dennett**, one-for-three with an RBI and **John Oropeza**, one-for-four with two RBIs.

## **Semifinals**

**July 22**

### **Mac-N-Seitz 5, Seaboard 4**

**Patrick Burns** was two-for-four and **Brent Mason**, two-for-two with an RBI.

### **UMB Bank 5, NKC Apts. 3**

**Bubba Dotson** went three-for-three with two RBIs and **Phil Garrison**, two-for-two.

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# Tournament highlights continued

**July 25**

**Seaboard 7, Mac-N-Seitz 2**

**John Calhoun** was one-for-one with three RBIs and **Alex Lahansky**, two-for-three.

**Seaboard 5, Mac-N-Seitz 2**

**John Oropeza** and **Ben Millard** were two-for-three with an RBI.

**UMB Bank 9, NKC Apts. 1**

**Steven Ross** was three-for-four with an RBI; **Kyle Clifton**, two-for-three with two RBIs and **Bubba Dotson**, one-for-four with two RBIs.

**UMB Bank 8, NKC Apts. 3**

**Cody Cobb** was three-for-three with two RBIs; **Kyle Clifton**, two-for-two and **Steven Ross** and **Lico Tamburlini** were each two-for-four.

**Finals**

**July 27**

**UMB Bank 3, Seaboard 0**

**Todd Hughson** tossed a two-hit shutout, fanning six and walking five.

**Joe Kassanavoid** was two-for-three and **Steven Ross**, one-for-three with an RBI.

**July 28**

**Seaboard 7, UMB Bank 1**

**Chad Shannon** was one-for-three; **John Calhoun**, two-for-three with an RBI and **John Oropeza** and **Ben Millard**, two-for-four.

**July 29**

**Seaboard 8, UMB Bank 4**

Seaboard scored seven runs in the top of the sixth inning to put the game away.

**Kyle Pener** was two-for-three with an RBI; **Ben Millard**, one-for-three with two RBIs and **Alex Lahasky** one-for-four with an RBI.

UMB's **Kyle Clifton** was three-for-four with three RBIs.

**July 30**

**Seaboard 5, UMB Bank 2**

**John Calhoun** was one-for-two with two RBI; **Ben Millard**, one-for-three with an RBI and **Kyle Pener**, two-for-three.

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# Seaboard captures championship continued

Seaboard won the next three games to capture its first Ban Johnson League title.

The club trailed 2-0 in the first inning, but came back with single runs in the second and third innings. They took the lead with two runs in the fifth frame.

What was the secret of their post-season success?

"We got everyone on the same page," first-year manager **Brian McCulloch** said. "We underachieved early in the year, but everyone showed up every day ready to play. This (championship) is what the guys wanted."

Catcher **Kyle Peneer** added, "Everyone turned on the effort level in the playoffs. We

decided we wanted to win it."

Pitcher **Matthew Bergin**, who will be a senior this year at Missouri Western, surrendered the two runs in the top of the first inning, but blanked UMB for the last six innings.

He retired eight in a row after giving up two singles in the fourth.

"I live on my slow pitches, location and my defense," he said. "Our defense has been great all year."

Third baseman **John Calhoun** made a big over the shoulder catch of a pop up down the left field line with two runners on base.

He was one-for-two at the plate with two RBIs.

League officials chose designated hitter **Ben Millard** as the MVP of the championship series.

He was five-of-14 with three doubles and three RBIs in the four games.

"This the best group of guys I played with," he said. "We played our best with our backs against the wall."



**Shining Moment** - **Ben Millard**, Seaboard DH (left), was named Tournament MVP at the conclusion of the Post-Season Tournament July 30 at Mid-America. Here, Ban Johnson Executive Director **Bob McFarlane** presents the MVP award to Millard, who went five for 14 with three doubles and three RBIs.



**First Pitches** - **Mickey Smith** (Milgram/1956-58) (left) and **Moe Lago** (Western Auto/1955-58), participated in the Opening Ceremonies of the Post-Season Tournament Finals July 27 at Mid-America. Both alums are members of the Ban Johnson All-75 Year Team.

# *Alumni Corner presented by Moe Lago*

## **BJ alums in Major League Baseball**

There are a number of Ban Johnson League alumni active in Major League Baseball in various capacities.

Here is a look at a who's who of alums in the bigs:

**Keith Lieppman** is the Oakland A's director of player development.

**Mike Rojas** is the bullpen coach for the Detroit Tigers.

**Russ Morman** is the hitting coach for the San Francisco Giants' AAA club in Fresno.

**Cullen McRae** is the video coordinator for the Florida Marlins.

There are a number of alums in the scouting end of the game, including

**Carl Blando** of the Royals; **Jeff Cornell**, Tampa Bay Rays; **Mike Grouse**, Texas Rangers; **Mike Hankins**, Detroit Tigers; **Darryl Monroe**, NY Yankees; **Paul Provas**, Chicago White Sox and **Mike Roberts** of the St. Louis Cardinals.

There are three alums that are TV analysts:

**David Cone** with the NY Yankees.

**Rick Sutcliffe** with ESPN

**Frank White** with the Royals.

And who will be the next alum to make it to the big leagues? Only time will tell..

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## Ramirez tosses no-hitter

MSBL Royals pitcher **Joe Ramirez** hurled a no-hitter in the Royals 4-0 victory over the Midwest Orioles on July 8. He fanned 11 and walked two.

## Witt get first pro win

Ban Johnson 2010 Pitcher of the Year **Christian Witt** achieved his first professional victory on July 23.

Witt, who played for the KC Bandits, was drafted in the 36th round by the Royals.

He worked two innings for the Arizona League Royals rookie league team. He surrendered two runs and two hits in getting the win.



**Bat Boy - Dave Gershon**, NKCApartments general manager and J team coach (left), and grandson **Max Gershon** participated in the All-Star Game July 24 at Kauffman Stadium.