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Sports Club Blues wins top seed

The KC Sports Club Blues ended the regular season with the best record in the league, earning the top seed in the championship tournament.

And the Sports Club Blues did it in the team's first year in the league with a team that featured mostly recent graduated high school players.

Veteran observers of the league said this is one of the youngest teams ever to end the regular season in first place. And the Sports Club Blues are the first first-year team to accomplish the feat.

The Sports Club Blues finished the regular season with a record of 25-1.

"Pitching has been a vital component of our team," coach **Michael Moore** said. "Everyone of our pitchers had an ERA under 2.50 and

most are under 1.00. This is attributed to making good pitches. It is also the result of good defense and good pitch selection."

What do the players attribute the success?

Infielder **CJ Faddis** said. "We have fun playing and we are all serious about what we do. I think that everyone wants to prove that they can play with anyone who is put on the field."

Catcher **Tyler Moore** added, "A lot of us have been playing together for so long that we are familiar with each other. We also added some really good players this summer. We all want to play at a very high level and we've done that since the team first came together. We try and play relaxed and have a good time. I know that everyone on the team loves baseball and wants to keep getting better."



BIG STRETCH - **Adam Valencia**, KC Sports Club Blues infielder, slides safely into third base as the BJ Raiders' **Brad Foss** reaches for the throw July 13 at Mid-America Sports Complex. Sports Club Blues won the game 5-3, and took a 25-1 record into the Ban Johnson Tournament.

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Batting Average

(based on a minimum of 60 at bats)

1. Jeremy Monty, KC Barnstormers	.464
2. Dean Long, KC Barnstormers	.457
3. Alex Drew, UMB Bank	.443
4. Michael Wasche, Regal Plastics	.422
5. Ian Robinson, Natural Baseball	.386
5. Jordan Miller, Milgram Mustangs	.386
7. Adam Burns, Regal Plastics	.378
8. Kyle Clifton, UMB Bank	.377
9. Poncho Amaya, Regal Plastics	.375
9. Anthony Saladino, BJ Raiders	.375
9. Joshua Zach, Naatural Baseball	.375

Home Runs

1. Kyle Clifton, UMB Bank	4
2. James Hood, NKC Apartments	2
2. Brad Law, NKC Apartments	2
2. Chase Rader, KC Sports Club Blues	2
2. Jeudys Garcia-Fortuna, KC Blues	2
2. Ryan Johnson, KC Blues	2
2. Clarke O'Dowd, Milegram Mustangs	2
8. (17 tied with one each)	

Runs Batted In

1. Clarke O'Dowd, Milgram Mustangs	23
2. Kyle Clifton, UMB Bank	20
2. Chase Rader, KC Sports Club Blues	20
4. Jeudys Garcia-Fortuna, KC Blues	19
5. Josh Dennett, Seaboard	16
5. Brad Law, NKC Apartments	16
5. Dean Long, KC Barnstormers	16
8. Three tied with 14 each)	

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1. Jordan Miller, Millgram Mustangs	14
2. Caleb Bakere, NKC Apts	12
3. Kirk Pruitt, UMB Bank	11
3. Jeremy Monty, KC Barnstormers	11
5. Spenser Augustine, Midwest Orioles	10
5. Chase Rader, KC Sports Club Blues	10
7. (for tied with nine each)	

**Pitching
Earned Run Average**

(based on a minimum of 26 innings)

1. Steven Johnson, KC Blues	0.54
2. Patrick Brady, Milgram Mustangs	0.65
2. George Brandecker, Seaboard	0.42
4. Dustin Hurlbutt, Seaboard	0.75
5. Matt Eckelman, KC Sports Club Blues	0.81
8. Justin Williams, KC Sports Club Blues	0.82
7. Jake Jones, Milgram Mustangs	0.92
8. Jacob Dahlgren, BJ Raiders	1.15
9. Mark Biesma, Regal Plastics	1.17
10. Drew Noble, KC Sports Club Blues	1.20

Strikeouts

1. George Brandecker, Seaboard	62
2. Patrick Brady, Milgram Mustangs	54
3. Dustin Hurlbutt, Seaboard	51
4. Jake Jones, Milgram Mustangs	46
5. Ryan Kendall, KC Blues	45
6. Aaron Kurtz, Bandits	41
7. Cade Brummer, MSBL Royals	40
8. Justin Williams, KC Sports Club Blues	39
9. Nathan Reuter, Midwest Orioles	38
10. Nathaniel Horton, BJ Raiders	37
10. Steven Johnson, KC Blues	37

**Ban Johnson
League Standings**

	FINAL		
	W	L	GB
KC Sports Club	25	1	----
Seaboard	21	5	4.0
KC Blues	17	9	8.0
NKC Apts.	16	10	9.0
BJ Raiders	14	12	11.0
Milgram Mustangs	14	12	11.0
MSBL Royals	14	12	11.0
Natural Baseball	12	14	13.0
UMB Bank	12	14	13.0
Regal Plastics	11	15	14.0
Building Champions	9	17	16.0
Midwest Orioles	7	19	18.0
KC Barnstormers	7	19	18.0
Bandits	3	23	22.0

Notes from around the league

All-Star Game is Aug. 5

The 44th Annual All-Star Game will be played August 5 at Kauffman Stadium.

The managers will pick the all stars in a meeting on July 23.

For more information about the game look at our website: bjbaseball.com.



"I was assigned the Home Run Derby, combine and the autograph session," he said. "Scoop" was involved in activities on July 6 and 7 along with duties on the day of the All-Star Game.

"This was a marvelous experience and one that I will never forget," he said.

Most popular colleges for players

What colleges do the Ban Johnson League players attend?

A document on our website lists the players and their colleges.

The top 10 are, in order, Kansas City Kansas CC; Johnson County CC; Park University, Rockhurst University, William Jewell College, Washburn University, Maple Woods CC, Ottawa University, University of St. Mary, Benedictine College and Neosho County CC.

Scoop and FanFest

Long-time head scorekeeper **Richard "Scoop" Dawson** helped out during the Major League Baseball All-Star Game here in Kansas City earlier this month.

"I heard about the chance to help with FanFest through the Royals and Major League Baseball in November," he said.

He submitted an application and after a five-month background check he heard via e-mail that he had been picked.

Dawson went to a meeting at Kauffman Stadium where he found out that there had been 6,000 people submitting applications, but only 2,000 were picked.

The training for his FanFest duties came on July 3 at Bartle Hall.



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July 1

NKC Apartments 7, KC Barnstormers 4

James Hood was two-for-three with an RBI and **Zach Roberts** was one-for-two with a double.

The Barnstormers **Dean Long** was three-for-four.

NKC Apartments 7, KC Barnstormers 2

Caleb Baker was three-for-three with two RBIs while **Nicholas Lichtenberger** went two-for-two with an RBI.

Natural Baseball Academy 4, Building Champions 1

John Scofield went the distance scattering three hits while not walking a batter and fanning seven.

Jake Vore was two-for-three with an RBI. **Ian Robinson** was two-for-four with a solo homer.

Natural Baseball Academy 3, Building Champions 2

Zach Kroymann was two-for-three while **Tyler Meeks** one-for-three with two RBIs.

KC Blues 9, Regal Plastics 5

Garrett McKinzie went three-for-three with two RBIs and **Ryan Johnson** was two-for-three with two RBIs.

KC Blues 10, Regal Plastics 0

Ben Cox was three-for-five with an RBI and **Garrett McKinzie** and **Kyzer Hoover** had two hits each.

Milgram Mustangs 13, Bandits 0

Clarke O'Dowd was three-for-five with three RBIs, **Ronald Barnes** was two-for-three with two RBIs and **Andrew Blackwell**, three-for-three with four RBIs.

Milgram Mustangs 13, Bandits 0 (5)

Clarke O'Dowd had a three-run homers and **Andrew Blackwell** and **Jordan Miller** had two hits each.

UMB Bank 8, BJ Raiders 4

Thor Acuna went three-for-four with two RBI while **Kirk Pruitt** and **Alex Drew** had two hits each.

BJ Raiders 11, UMB Bank 1

Charlie Krueger went three-for-five with a triple and **Alex McGinnis** was two-for-four with an RBI.

July 3

KC Sports Club Blues 4, Seaboard 0

Drew Noble tossed a perfect game, fanning six and walking none. (See related story on page 5)

Alex Wilson went two-for-three with two RBIS and **Mack Preston** and **Jake Wodkle** were each two-for-four.

KC Sports Club Blues 4, Seaboard 1

CJ Faddis went two-for-three with a double and an RBI.

KC Blues 10, Natural Baseball Academy 1

Ryan Johnson hit a homer and had four RBIs while **Andrew Kreiling** and **Kyzer Hoover** were two-for-three each with an RBI.

Natural Baseball Academy 5, KC Blues 3

Zach Kroymann was two-for-two with a double and an RBI.

Building Champions 4, UMB Bank 3

Billy Kirkpatrick went three-for-three.

UMB Bank 5, Building Champions 2

Alex Drew was two-for-three with a triple and **Kyle Clifton** had a solo homer.

Midwest Orioles 12, BJ Raiders 7

Spenser Augustine and **Nicholas Deichler** were each two-for-three with two RBIs while **Zach Pirrello** was two-for-three.

The Raiders' **Charlie Krueger** went four-for-four with a triple and three RBIs.

BJ Raiders 4, Midwest Orioles 3

The Raiders scored twice in the bottom of the seventh for the come-from-behind victory. The winning run came on a single to center by **Charlie Krueger** with two outs.

Bradley Foss went two-for-three while Krueger was two-for-four with two RBIs.

The Orioles' **James Vega** was three-for-three.

Milgram Mustangs 11, KC Barnstormers 1

Dylan Hanson went two-for-four with two RBIs and **JD Weyer** was two-for-three.

Patrick Brady went the distance, scattering six hits. He fanned 10 and walked three.

Milgram Mustangs 8, KC Barnstormers 5

Clarke O'Dowd was three-for-four with a double and three RBIs while **Jordan Miller** was two-for-three.

The Barnstormers' **Dean Long** went three-for-four with an RBI.

July 6

KC Sports Club Blues 10, KC Barnstormers 1

Chase Rader was four-for-five with two RBIs, **Adam Valencia** went three-for-four with an RBI and **Jake Wodtke** was two-for-five with three RBIs.

KC Sports Club Blues 3, KC Barnstormers 0

Jake Wodtke went two-for-three and **Mack Preston** was one-for-two with two RBIs.

Seaboard 7, Natural Baseball Academy 4

Braden Brown was three-for-four, **John Orpoeza**, one-for-three with three RBIs and **Juan Bowers**, two-for-four with two RBIs.

Seaboard 7, Natural Baseball Academy 6

John Orpoeza went two-for-three with an RBI and **Tim Lewis**, two-for-four with two RBIs.

Natural Baseball's **Zach Kroymann** was two-for-four with an RBI.

Regal Plastics 14, MSBL Royals 1 (5)

Michael Wasche went three-for-four with five RBIs and **Adam Burns** was three-for-four with an RBI.

Regal Plastics 5, MSBL Royals 4

Regal won the game with two runs in the bottom of the seventh.

Michael Wasche and **Adam Burns** were each one-for-three with an RBI.

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July 11

MSBL Royals 5, NKC Apartments 2

The Royals scored all five runs in the bottom of the second.

The Royals only had four hits in the game. **Brandon Huske** was one-for-three with an RBI and **Dan McGonigle** went one-for-four with an RBI.

MSBL Royals 3, NKC Apartments 1

The Royals scored twice in the top of the seventh.

Brandon Huske and **Patrick Swain** were two-for-three.

Building Champions 7, Bandits 3

John Stoothoff went two-for-four with a homer and three RBIs and **Trent Sullivan** was two-for-three with two RBIs.

Bandits 14, Building Champions 2 (6)

Chris Johnson was two-for-three with two RBIs and **Saxon Monasmith** was two-for-four with two RBIs.

Regal Plastics 5, Midwest Orioles 1

Kegan Knight was three-for-four and **Jaren Moorman**, two-for-four.

Midwest Orioles 4, Regal Plastics 3

Ryan Arnone went three-for-three with two RBIs.

July 12

UMB Bank 2, Bandits 1 (9)

UMB scored a run in the top of the ninth.

Ryan Shearrer went the distance allowing a run on five hits.

Kyle Pruitt, Alex Drew and **Chris Booth** had two hits each.

Bandits 8, UMB Bank 4

Austin Evans went two-for-four with a double and an RBI.

Milgram Mustangs 3, Building Champions 1

Jordan Miller went three-for-four with a triple and an RBI.

Building Champions 1, Milgram Mustangs 0

The only run scored in the top of the seventh.

Erik Benson was two-for-three with the only RBI in the game.

July 13

Seaboard 2, KC Blues 1

Josh Dennett was one-for-three with two RBIs.

KC Blues 8, Seaboard 7 (11)

Judys Garcia-Fortuna went three-for-six with a homer and three RBIs.

Seaboard's **Josh Dennett** was three-for-six with three RBIs.

KC Sports Club Blues 5, BJ Raiders 3

Austin Ingram went three-for-three with a triple and two RBIs and **Adam Valencia** was three-for-four with a double.

KC Sports Club Blues 3, BJ Raiders 1

Drew Noble, Matt Eckelman and **Nick Kolarik** held the Raiders to just one hit.

Tyler Moore went three-for-three and **Adam Valencia** was two-for-three with an RBI.

Noble tosses perfect game



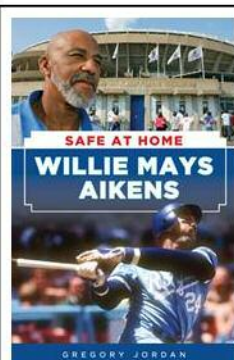
KC Sports Club Blue pitcher **Drew Noble** achieved a rarity in baseball, he pitched a perfect game in a 3-0 victory over Seaboard July 3.

He threw just 71 pitches with 58 for strikes in striking out six.

It was the first no-hitter for the right-hander who played for Coffeyville Community College in the spring.

"I hit my spots and made some key pitches in key situations," he said. "My defense did most of the work with 12 ground outs."

He will be attending Missouri Southern this fall.



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Ban Johnson alums in the MLB All-Star Game

With the successful completion of the Major League Baseball All-Star Game July 10 at Kauffman Stadium, it might interest Ban Johnson League fans to know that a total of seven alums of the league have played in the big game.

* Outfielder **Bob Allison** from Milgram played in three All-Star Games - 1959 for the Washington Senators and 1964-65 for Minnesota Twins.

* Pitcher **Mort Cooper** from Summe Dairy played in three. In 1942-43 for St. Louis Cardinals and 1946 for Boston Braves.

* Catcher **Walker Cooper** from Lapetina's played in eight. 1942-44 for St. Louis Cardinals, 1946-48 for NY Giants,

1949 for Cincinnati Reds and 1950 for Boston Braves.

* Pitcher **David Cone** from Boyle's Corned Beef played in five, 1988, 1992 for NY Mets, 1994 for the Royals, and 1997 and 1999 for NY Yankees.

* Pitcher **John O'Donoghue** from Moody Motors played in the 1965 All-Star Game for the Kansas City Athletics.

* Pitcher **Rick Sutcliffe** from Butternut Bread played in three All-Star Games, 1983 for Cleveland Indians and 1987 and 1989 for Chicago Cubs.

* Second baseman **Frank White** from Feld Chevrolet played in five All-Star Games for the Royals - 1978-1979; 1981-1982 and 1986.

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A look back a decade in the past

This is the 85th Anniversary season for the Ban Johnson League.

Going back a decade to June 2002, the league picked its All-75-year team.

The Ban Johnson League had a gala celebration where the All-75-Year Team was announced.

The league picked the best players by positions for the league that dates its

first season in 1927.

Here is the third of a series of looking back at the All-75-Year Team.

Let's take a look first at the outfielders:

Bob Allison, Tim Dougherty, Jim Gleeson, Tom Krattli, Kyle McCune, Lee Rodriguez, Sam Russo, David Shelton, DeMorris Smith, Marvin Tucker and Joe Watson.

Talley looks back at 75th Anniversary Team

Jack Talley was one of the infielders picked for the All-75-Year Team.

He has many memories of the celebration that came with the announcement of the team.

"It was great to see old friends and I enjoyed reminiscing," he said. "I don't know why I was picked, but I was extremely humbled and most appreciative. It has been a life long and cherished memory."

What does he remember about his time in the Ban Johnson League?

"The high level of competition, it would compete with any of the college leagues," he said. "It was a league of integrity on

and off the field. The league was professionally organized and run by respected community leaders. This experience is truly part of my leadership style today."

Talley played for Kansas City Life and was the 1979 Hustle Award winner.

Quote of the month

"Every day, every single thing you do writes a page in the book of your life. You can write them, but you can never change them."

- author James M. Tabor "The Deep Zone"



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The Ban Johnson tourney is underway

The Ban Johnson League post-season tournament is underway.

The first part of the tournament started on Tuesday with the seventh through 14th seeds playing a double-elimination tournament to determine the seventh and eighth seeds for the championship double-elimination tournament which starts on July 24.

The winner of the winner's bracket will be the seventh seed and the winner of the

loser's bracket will be the eighth seed.

All the tournament games will be played at the Mid-America Sports Complex in western Shawnee.

The top six seeds are in order: KC Sports Club Blues, Seaboard, KC Blues, NKC Apartments, BJ Raiders and the Milgram Mustangs.

Seaboard is the defending champion.