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Tight race for playoff spots

The race for the good spots in the post-season is close in the early going.

The 13-team league is showing that bigger numbers also means better competition.

Heading into action on June 21, there were eight teams with a winning record and just two games separating first and eighth place.

Talk about even competition.

The BJ Raiders are in first place with an 6-2 record. The Raiders are actually half-a-game behind the Milgram Mustangs who are 8-3. The Raiders are in first based on winning percentage.

What has been the Raiders secret of success?

"I attribute our early success to our returners and our pitching staff," manager **Mike Herr** said. "**David Smith** and **Taylor Sibala** have done an excellent job offensively helping to produce runs. **Alec Sartain** has also been swinging a hot bat."

Herr pointed to pitchers **Jamison Miller**,

Daniel Tullis, **Tyler Sullivant** and **Nate Horton**

Herr said that newcomers **Anthony Zicarelli** and **Brad Foss** have played well.

Milgram Mustangs manager **Don Motley** said, "We have been playing loose and having fun."

Two of the three new teams are in the race for first place in the regular season.

The Mac-N-Seitz Indians are 9-6 and just a game out of first place.

Natural Baseball Academy is 8-7 and two games out of first.

Defending champion Building Champions is 7-6 and tied with the MSBL Royals for fifth place with a record of 7-6.

The KC Blues are 7-5 and just 1.5 games behind in fourth place.

NKC Apartments is 8-7 and tied with Natural Baseball Academy in seventh place.

Looks like there will be an exciting and competitive finish to the 2011 season.

SAFE AT SECOND - Travis Quick of the MSBL Royals slides into second as **Dylan Becker** of the Mac-N-Seitz Indians covers the base and **Patrick Burns** backs up the throw in their game June 17 at Mid-America.



Notable Numbers presented by Independence Ridge Apts.

(Statistics are through June 18)

Batting Average

(based on a minimum of 23 at bats)

1. Taylor Sibala, BJ Raiders	.556
2. Bubba Dotson, UMB Bank	.483
3. Kyle Kleinsorge, MSBL Royals	.435
4. Dylan Cole, MSBL Royals	.425
5. Keith Langtry, NKC Apts.	.409
5. Nathan Goodwin, Milgram	.409
7. JD Weyer, Regal Plastics	.400
7. Miles Shelton, Milgram	.400
9. Harrison Cobb, KC Bandits	.394
10. David Longmore, BJ Raiders	.391

Doubles

1. Joshua Dennett, Seaboard	6
1. Hunter Johnson, MSBL Royals	6
1. Sean McHugh, Building Champions	6
1. David Richards, MSBL Royals	6
5. Chad Shannon, Seaboard	5

Triples

1. Nathan Koontz, NKC Apts	3
2. (6 tied with two each)	

Home Runs

1. John Calhoun, Seaboard	2
1. Nathan Koontz, NKC Apts.	2
3. (18 tied with one each)	

Runs Batted In

1. Nathan Koontz, NKC Apts.	13
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2. Tyler Brewer, NKC Apts.	11
2. Dylan Cole, MSBL Royals	11
4. Miles Shelton, MSBL Royals	10
4. David Wade, NKC Apts.	10

Pitching Earned Run Average

(based on a minimum of 10 innings)

1. Nicholas Lichtenberger, NKC Apts.	0.00
2. Eric Silkwood, KC Blues	0.56
3. Daniel Peterson, UMB Bank	0.70
4. Jake Moore, Seaboard	0.85
5. Ryan Revoir, Midwest Orioles	1.05
6. Tanner Kilmer, Natural Baseball	1.20
7. Dustin Ulrich, KC Blues	1.27
8. John Huber, Regal Plastics	1.31
9. Jacob Dahlgren, Building Champions	1.40
9. James Rhodes, Mac-N-Seitz	1.40

Strikeouts

1. Eric Silkwood, KC Blues	25
1. Lee Stoppelman, KC Blues	25
3. Daniel Peterson, UMB Bank	24
3. Ryan Revoir, Midwest Orioles	24
5. Jake Jones, Milgram	21
5. Lee Ridenhour, Midwest Orioles	21
7. Branden Evans, NKC Apts.	18
7. Zachary Gove, KC Bandits	18
9. Adam Giacalone, Building Champions	17
10. (Three tied with 16 each)	



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Ban Johnson League Standings

(thru June 19)

	W	L	GB
BJ Raiders	6	2	.5
Milgram Mustangs	8	3	---
Mac-N-Seitz	9	6	1.0
KC Blues	7	5	2.0
MSBL Royals	7	6	2.0
Building Champions	7	6	2.0
Natural Baseball	8	7	2.0
NKC Apts.	8	7	2.0
Seaboard	6	8	2.5
UMB Bank	5	7	3.5
KC Bandits	6	10	4.5
Regal Plastics	4	9	5.0
Midwest Orioles	3	8	5.0

Scoop has seen a lot of BJ baseball

Richard "Scoop" Dawson has seen a lot in his 30 years keeping score for the Ban Johnson League.

He graduated from Liberty High School in 1978 and then attended Maple Woods Community College where he helped start and manage the baseball team.

After that he moved on to Central Missouri State where he managed and did stats in football, men's and women's basketball and baseball teams.

Scoop served as sports information director at William Jewell for eight years and did stats for the ABA Kansas City Knights for two years.

He started keeping score for BJ games in 1980.

"**John Stipetich** (who was then BJ executive director) got me into it when one of his scorekeepers backed out early in 1980," Dawson said. "I knew when I was at Liberty doing basketball and baseball stats. He was

the PE teacher and later baseball coach."

And the rest as they say is history.

"I have gotten to meet the great managers in the league like **Pat Nolan**, **Arnie Briggs** and **Don Motley** plus all the players that have come back to haunt me as managers and coaches."

Dawson said that he wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for Stipetich and present executive director **Bob McFarlane**.

"They are the two best mentors and friends a scorekeeper can have," he said.

He also said that the league would not be where it is today without the efforts of **Nancy Milgram**, **Nat Milgram** and **Sally Milgram**.

Dawson is now the head scorekeeper for the league that now embraces 13 teams and has games all over the greater Kansas City area. There is no way that anyone can get to all the games.

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Highlights

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

June 3

Milgram Mustangs 4, Building Champions 2
Clarke O'Dowd had an RBI triple and **Joey Goodwin** an RBI double in a two-run sixth inning.

June 4

Building Champions 5, Seaboard 4

Building Champions got a two-out RBI single by **Sean McHugh** for the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth.

Seaboard 4, Building Champions 3

John Orepeza had a walk-off RBI double in the bottom of the eighth.

Seaboard tied the game with three runs in the bottom of the seventh.

June 5

KC Blues 4, Seaboard 2

Eric Silkwood allowed just two runs on seven hits.

The Blues took command of the game with three runs in the bottom of the first.

Seaboard 2, KC Blues 1

Seaboard got a two-out RBI single by **Brandon Huske** in the bottom of the sixth.

The teams combined to leave 19 runners left on base.

June 7

Mac-N-Seitz 8, Midwest Orioles 6

The Indians scored four runs in the top of the sixth and held off a late rally by the Orioles.

Mac-N-Seitz 1, Midwest Orioles 0

Dylan Becker's two-out RBI triple in the bottom of the sixth provided the only run. **Ryan Revoir** got the victory with three innings of non-hit relief.

Milgram Mustangs 7, Natural Baseball 4

Clarke O'Dowd was one-for-four with a homer and three RBIs and **Bralin Jackson** went one-for-four.

Milgram Mustangs 4, Natural Baseball 2

Miles Shelton was two-for-two with two RBIs and **Chuck Preston**, two-for-two with an RBI.

Building Champions 2, BJ Raiders 1

John Means and **Joseph Mancuso** were each one-for-one with an RBI.

June 8

Seaboard 10, UMB Bank 2

Seaboard scored five runs in the bottom of the second.

Alex Lahasky was three-for-three with an RBI and **Kyle Perner**, two-for-four.

UMB Bank 5, Seaboard 4

Bubba Dotson drove in the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning. He was two-for-four in the game while **Joseph Kassenvold** was two-for-three with a homer and two RBIs.

June 9

MSBL Royals 5, KC Blues 4

The Royals scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh. **Jarid Renzelman** had an RBI single to win the game. He was two-for-four with two RBIs in the game.

Midwest Orioles 8, Seaboard 5

Lee Ridenhour was three-for-four; **Cameron Buhner**, one-for-two with an RBI and **James Vega**, one-for-three with two RBIs.

June 10

Mac-N-Seitz 4, BJ Raiders 1

Ethan Appleby got the complete game victory. He scattered six hits, walked two and fanned five.

BJ Raiders 8, Mac-N-Seitz 7 (6)

Game was called after six innings because of rain.

David Longmore had a two RBI single.

Building Champions 2, Regal Plastics 1

John Means was one-for-two with an RBI and **Joseph Mancuso**, one-for-one with an RBI.

Building Champions 3, Regal Plastics 1

Adam Giacalone was two-for-four, **Andrew Kreiling**, one-for-four and **Andrew Watts**, three-for-three.

UMB Bank 1, NKC Apts. 0

Daniel Petereson pitched a one-hitter, fanning eight and walking one.

June 11

Milgram Mustangs 8, MSBL Royals 4 (8)

The Mustangs scored four runs in the top of the eighth. The big blow was a three-run homer by **Joey Goodwin**.

Milgram Mustangs 8, MSBL Royals 7 (8)

The Mustangs won a bases-loaded walk to **Thomas Herrera**.

Natural Baseball 2, KC Blues 0

Tanner Kilmer went the distance scattering seven hits. He walked one and fanned four.

KC Blues 2, Natural Baseball 1

Ben McReynoldson's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the fifth proved to be the game winner.

Dustin Ulrich got the complete game victory allowing five hits, striking out five and not walking a batter.

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Off the bench sponsored by the Salty Iguana

Four taken in MLB draft

Bubba Starling being taken with the fifth overall pick in the June First Year Player Draft by the Kansas City Royals was not the only Ban Johnson League player taken in the draft.

KC Bandits pitcher **Christian Witt** was taken in the 36th round by the Kansas City Royals. He has signed.

Witt was the Pitcher of the Year for the 2010 season and had the most victories and most strikeouts.

Two Seaboard pitchers were taken in the draft.

Jeff Stopic was picked in the third round by the Chicago White Sox and **Vince Spilker** in the 20th round by the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Five make Kansas All-State

A total of five members of the first-year Ban Johnson League Mac-N-Seitz Indians were named to Kansas All-State teams.

Three Indians made first-team All-State.

They are Blue Valley third baseman **Landon Lucansky**, who made Class 5A All-State and All-East Kansas League.

Nathan Arnold, Pittsburg-Colgan catcher. He first team 2A All-State and the 2A Player of the Year.

Dylan Becker of Shawnee Mission East was the 6A first-team shortstop and first team All-Sunflower League.

Austin Fisher of Olathe Northwest was a second-team 6A All-State pick at shortstop and **Kyle Speer** of Manhattan was a

second team outfield selection.

College baseball honors

A number of Ban Johnson League players received honors for college play this spring.

Among the information reported to the Beacon by the managers is:

David Richards of the MSBL Royals was a first team KJCAA Eastern Division All-Conference outfield pick for KCKCC.

Travis Quick of the Royals was the Gold Glove Award winning catcher in the KCAC Conference competing for University of St. Mary.

BJ Raider shortstop **David Smith** was first team All-Conference at William Jewell College along with second baseman **Taylor Sibala** being named an Academic All American competing for Pittsburg State.



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Goldman captures prestigious award

Former Ban Johnson Sports Information Director and Ban Johnson League Beacon editor **Stuart Goldman** has done quite well for himself in the world of business writing in the past year.

Goldman, who in 2000 wrote the book *Diamond Connections*, a history of the Ban Johnson League, recently won the prestigious James H. Neal Award.

Goldman has been the managing editor for Club Industry magazine based in Overland Park since 2007.

He won the award for his profile of health club owner Curt Beusman, who founded the Saw Mill Club in Mt. Kisco, NY

He received the award March 10 at the 57th Annual Jesse H. Neal National Business Journalism Award ceremony in New York City.



Goldman

In January, Goldman won the Eddie Award presented by Folio magazine for his profile of fitness industry legend Jack LaLanne in the October 2009 issue of Club Industry magazine.

And to make a three-some, the former Beacon editor won a West Regional Gold Award from the American Society of Business Publications Editors (ASBPE) for his story on the shootings at an LA Fitness Club in Pennsylvania.

Goldman is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

He has worked as a sportswriter for the Kansas City Star for two years and four years with the Emporia Gazette.

Goldman lives in Overland Park with his wife Lauren and two daughters, Natalie and Gracie.

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Alumni Corner presented by Moe Lago **Talley gives back to his alma mater**

BJ alum **Jack Talley** recently gave a significant gift to William Jewell College to purchase and install new grandstands seating at the baseball park from dugout to dugout.

Why did the 1979 Hustle Award winner, member of the All-75-Year Team and Kansas City Life player give the gift to his alma mater?

“When you look back at your life experiences, you realize all make some kind of an impression,” he said. “Some impressions are better than others, but you have the opportunity to learn from both.

“I had the sincere pleasure of attending William Jewell and playing baseball for Coach Fred Flook (1976-1980). We won our fair share of games and participated in the NAIA World Series twice.”

The former KC Life player sees more as he reflects back on his collegiate baseball playing days.

“He taught us many life lessons. He taught us how to win and how to lose and there is definitely a right way to do both. We always played by the rules and he had an uncanny method to use defeats as motivation. He demanded respect for the game, for your teammates and our personal commitment to win.

“Coach Flook also preached the “Golden Rule” of treating others as you would want to be treated. He spoke of giving back to the program. During my tenure at Jewell, I personally witnessed his previous baseball players giving back to the program. Whether it was a couple dozen baseballs, catcher’s equipment, buying dinner for the team while on a trip or just coming out to support us his baseball alumni gave back. He was always very thankful of their contributions and would tell us our turn would come to give back and challenge us to do so.

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Ban Johnson League highlights continued

June 12

KC Bandits 6, UMB Bank 5

The Bandits scored four in the top of the first and held on.

KC Bandits 7, UMB Bank 6 (8)

Nick Feightner had a walkoff single in the bottom of the eighth.

Seaboard 11, Natural Baseball 1

John Calhoun had a solo homer; **Joshua Dennett** was two-for-three with two RBI; **Kyle Pener**, three-for-four with an RBI and **Brandon Huske**, two-for-three.

Seaboard 6, Natural Baseball 0

John Calhoun had a solo homer and **Joshua Dennett** was two-for-three with a homer and three RBIs.

Mac-N-Seitz 6, NKC Apts. 4

Landon Lucansky was two-for-five with an RBI; **Trent Miller**, two-for-four and **Keith Wintrowd**, two-for-four with an RBI.

NKC Apt. 4, Mac-N-Seitz 1

Brad Law, **Cole Horn** and **James Hood** were each one-for-two with an RBI.

June 14

Natural Baseball 4, Regal Plastics 3

David Lammers was three-for-three.

Regal Plastics 6, Natural Baseball 5

J.D. Weer was one-for-two with a homer and two RBIs.

MSBL Royals 8, KC Bandits 1

Kevin Joyce was two-for-three; **Jarid Renzelman**, two-for-four with an RBI and **Adam Petz**, two-for-four.

KC Blues 7, Mac-N-Seitz 4

Lee Stoppelman got the win going the first five innings.

KC Blues 7, Mac-N-Seitz 0

Eric Silkwood went the distance for the Blues. He surrendered just two hits, while walking one and fanning 11.

June 15

Midwest Orioles 2, Building Champions 1

Lee Riddenhour was two-for-three with two RBIs.

Building Champions 8, Midwest Orioles 1

Sean McHugh went three-for-four with four RBIs and **Andrew Kreiling** had two RBIs. **Tyler Arthur** was two-for-two and **David Weideman**, two-for-four.

June 17

NKC Apts. 10, Milgram Mustangs 5

Nathan Koontz was three-for-three with an RBI; **David Wade**, two-for-three with three RBIs and **Brad Law**, two-for-three with an RBI.

The Mustangs' **Thomas Herrera** had a solo home run.

Milgram Mustangs 7, NKC Apts. 3.

The Mustangs scored six runs in the bottom of the third.

Miles Shelton was one-for-three with three RBIs and **Andrew Blackwell** was two-for-three.

Nathan Koontz and **Brad Law** had home runs for NKC.

KC Bandits 4, Seaboard 3

Harrison Cobb was two-for-three with an RBI and **Cody Ball** was two-for-three with the game-winning RBI.

Seaboard 6, KC Bandits 2

Brandon Huske was two-for-three with an RBI and **Kyle Pener** had two RBIs



In the Hunt - **Rob Jackson**, Mac-N-Seitz manager, has the Indians playing with a winning record in its first year in the league

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Scoop has many memories from his 30 years in the BJ continued

What memories does Scoop have from his 30 years in the Ban Johnson League?

* **Matt Krause** of Western Auto hitting six home runs and driving in 14 in a doubleheader.

* In 1985, **Kerry Shaw** beating out **Kevin Shaw** for the batting title on his last at bat.

* In 1986, **Doug Bock** of UMB beating out Kevin Shaw for the batting title on his last at bat.

* **Michael Younghanz** winning the triple crown after no one had done it in the

past 20 years.

* I remember **Kevin Young** of the Pittsburgh Pirates sponsoring home runs for charity for the league and hitting 75 (one of the highest totals in league history).

* I remember a 16-15 game at RJ Roper Stadium and a 4-3 17 inning game that went until 3 a.m. at Mid-America Sports Complex.

And that likely just scratches the surface for this veteran scorekeeper.

Suspect if we get him talking he can come up with lots of other memories.