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Around The Horn

News for the Middle Atlantic Region

12-Year-Old Throws a Perfect Game

Pitching a perfect game is one of the rarest feats that can be accomplished in baseball. In the entire history of Major League Baseball only seventeen pitchers have thrown perfect games.

12-year-old Brandon Pilovsky made his own history on April 4th. He became the first player in the 12-year history of the Bayonne Cal Ripken League to pitch a perfect game.

Brandon threw 60 mph fastballs and changeups to baffle the opposing batters. He struck out 9 of the 18 batters he faced in his Amadeo & Miller team's season opener. His team defeated their opponents Chris' Corner 5-0.

"I just wanted to go in and get a win and coming out with a perfect game is just unbelievable" Brandon said after the contest. His dream is to go to the major leagues and play for the Boston Red Sox because he likes their style. ♦

Baseball Quote

"I always turn to the sports pages first, which record people's accomplishments. The front page has nothing but man's failures."

Chief Justice Earl Warren

Commissioners Honored

At a dinner held last month Regional Commissioner Ray Lotierzo honored John Stocks, Joe Gallardo, and Paul Connor for their contributions to Babe Ruth Baseball.

Joe served as the Southern New Jersey District 5 Commissioner for many years. Both John Stocks and Paul Connor donated dozens of years to their respective state organizations (Southern NJ and Pennsylvania) as well as serving as Assistant Middle Atlantic Regional Commissioners.

Paul was unable to attend due to recent health problems. Pictures of both John and Joe receiving their plaques from Ray can be found on the regional website: www.marbaberuth.org.

We all wish them well as they "retire". ♦

Regional Spring Meeting Held

District, State, and Regional Commissioners attended the Spring Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting in Albany, NY held on April 18th.

Commissioner of Babe Ruth Baseball Robert Faherty addressed those assembled. He thanked everyone for their dedication and talked about the 2009 rule changes, the new Babe Ruth on-line Data Center and the upcoming World Series.



Topics discussed by the commissioners in attendance included the rules for the 8 year old tournament, the pool play tie-breakers, and the 16 year old tournament. The state commissioners also drew for positions in the upcoming regional tournaments.♦

New Member Added to Regional Staff

At the recent regional meeting Commissioner Ray Lotierzo announced that he has added Bill Pettit to his assistant regional commissioner staff.

Bill has served as the Southern New Jersey District 5 Commissioner for a number of years. In his new position he will help to run the regional tournaments and serve in whatever capacity is needed.

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Pitcher Perfect Quiz

Can you answer these questions about perfect games in Major League Baseball history?

1. When was the first perfect game pitched?
2. What decade saw the most perfect games pitched?
3. The pitchers on what team have thrown the most perfect games throughout history?
4. What two teams have had the most perfect games pitched against them?
5. How many of the Major League Pitchers who have thrown perfect games can you name?



2009 TOURNAMENTS

Regional Tournaments

10 year-old

Site: [Monroe, NJ](#)

Host League: Monroe Twp CRL

Dates: July 30 – Aug 5

12-year-old / 60 ft.

Site: Bear, DE

Host League: Bear CRL

Dates: July 29- Aug 3

12-year-old / 70 ft.

Site: [Bridgewater, NJ](#)

Host League: Bridgewater CRL

Dates: July 30 – Aug 5

13-year-old

Site: [WilliamSPORT, PA](#)

Host League: West End BRL

Dates: Aug. 6-12

14-year-old

Site: [Bridgewater, NJ](#)

Host League: Bridgewater BRL

Dates: Aug. 6 - 12

13-15 year old

Site: [Saugerties, NY](#)

Host League: Saugerties BRL

Dates: Aug. 5-11

16-18 year old

Site: [Chester, PA](#)

Host League: Delco Sr. BRL

Dates: July 30 – Aug. 5

Invitational Tournaments

8-year-old

Site: Bear, DE

Host League: Bear CRL

Dates: **Aug. 6 - end of play**

9-year-old

Site: Troy, NY

Host League: Spring CRL

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

11-year-old / 60 ft.

Site: **TBD**

Host League:

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

11-year-old / 70 ft.

Site: [Indian Mills, NJ](#)

Host League: Indian Mills AA CRL

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

16-year-old

Site: **TBD**

Host League:

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

World Series

Cal Ripken 10 and under

Site: Lamar, CO

Dates: Aug. 15-22

Cal Ripken Div. Major/ 60'

Site: Winchester, MA

Dates: Aug. 13-20

Cal Ripken Div. Major/70'

Site: Aberdeen, MD

Dates: Aug. 15-22

13-year-old

Site: Murray, UT

Dates: Aug. 22-29

14-year-old

Site: Appleton, WI

Dates: Aug. 22-29

13-15 year old

Site: Longview, WA

Dates: Aug. 21-28

16-18 year old

Site: Moses Lake, WA

Dates: Aug. 15-22

SOFTBALL 12U

Site: Wilson County, NC

Dates: Aug. 6-13

SOFTBALL 16U

Site: Concord, NH

Dates: Aug. 8-15





PITCH PERFECT

Brandon Pilovsky who plays for Amadeo & Miller in the Bayonne Cal Ripken League set a league record by throwing the 1st **PERFECT GAME** in their 12 yr history defeating the opposing team.

QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. June 12, 1880
2. The 1990's (4)
3. New York Yankees (3)
4. Minnesota Twins (2) and Los Angeles Dodgers (2)
5. Pitchers:

PITCHER	DATE	TEAM	OPPONENT
John Lee Richmond	June 12, 1880	Worcester Worcesters	Cleveland Blues
Monte Ward	June 17, 1880	Providence Grays	Buffalo Bisons
Cy Young	May 5, 1904	Boston Pilgrims	Philadelphia A's
Addie Joss	October 2, 1908	Cleveland Naps	Chicago White Sox
Charlie Robertson	April 30, 1922	Chicago White Sox	Detroit Tigers
Don Larsen	October 8, 1956	New York Yankees	Brooklyn Dodgers
Jim Bruning	June 21, 1964	Philadelphia Phillies	New York Mets
Sandy Koufax	Sept. 9, 1965	LA Dodgers	Chicago Cubs
Catfish Hunter	May 8, 1968	Oakland A's	Minnesota Twins
Len Barker	May 15, 1981	Cleveland Indians	Toronto Blue Jays
Mike Witt	Sept. 30, 1984	California Angels	Texas Rangers
Tom Browning	Sept. 16, 1988	Cincinnati Reds	LA Dodgers
Dennis Martinez	July 28, 1991	Montreal Expos	LA Dodgers
Kenny Rogers	July 28, 1994	Texas Rangers	California Angels
David Wells	May 17, 1998	New York Yankees	Minnesota Twins
David Cone	July 18, 1999	New York Yankees	Montreal Expos
Randy Johnson	May 18, 2004	Arizona Diamondbacks	Atlanta Braves