

DALLAS 7TH/8TH GRADE BASEBALL

Dallas baseball dominates with 3 wins

Dallas 7
Hanover Area 6
Donald Michalisin went 3 for 4, Ryan Martin went 2 for 3 and Zach Connolly went 2 for 2 with a double while Jonathan Sabatini drove in Connolly with the winning run to lift Dallas to a 7-6 victory over Hanover Area in game one of a double header.

Twelve different Dallas hitters combined for 16 hits in a total team effort to overcome a hard-hitting Hanover offense.

Dallas pitchers Aaron Yurko, Chad Phillips and Adam Niznik combined for the win.

Dallas 9
Hanover Area 0
Adam Niznik, Donald Michalisin, Artie Coolbaugh and Peter Capitano kept Hanover to just six hits as Dallas picked up a 9-0 victory, completing a sweep in Game 2 of the double header.

The Dallas defense compiled 13 putouts, including an inning-killing 6-3-5 double play in the

third inning.

After Dallas gave up two consecutive walks to lead off the third, Pitcher Aaron Yurko picked off the runner on second with a beautiful throw to shortstop Ross Kleinman. On the next pitch, Hanover advanced its runner from first to second on a stolen base.

Two pitches later, Kleinman fielded a hard grounder deep in the infield and threw to first baseman Zach Connolly for the first

out and Connolly finished it off with a bullet to third baseman Ryan Martin who put the tag on to complete the double play.

Michalisin was 2 for 2 with two singles and David Simpson, Aidan McGlaughlin, Robby Wargo, Colin Ryniec, AJ Sweppenheiser and Josh Orlandini picked up a single each in the win.

Dallas 11
Wyoming Area 6
Dallas pitchers Aaron Yurko, Chad Phillips and Adam Niznik

held the Warriors to five hits while the high-powered Dallas offense put together 15 hits, including seven doubles to defeat Wyoming Area, 11-6, and move to 5-0 on the season.

Yurko and Dallas first baseman Zach Connolly had two doubles apiece and Ryan Martin, Ross Kleinman and AJ Sweppenheiser each added one of their own.

The Dallas defense has held its opponents scoreless in 21 of 29 innings played this season.

BACK MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE

Astros, Yankees on top

Astros 10
Rangers 4
Nick Kocher picked up the win and struck out nine as the Astros defeated the Rangers, 10-4.

Noah Gorski and Kocher led the Astros on offense with three hits apiece, including a double and three runs scored. Jordan Finch chipped in with two hits and two runs scored.

Josh Lydon and Mike Luksic pitched well for the Rangers. Malik Kaleta had a huge day at the plate for the Rangers, which included his first career homerun. He also singled and scored two runs.

Luksic singled twice and Chris Hadsall pounded out a double for the Rangers.

Astros 12
Pirates 4
Nick Kocher, Jordan Finch and Noah Gorski combined on a three-hitter and struck out 13 as the Astros posted a 12-4 win over the Pirates.

The Astros offensive attack was led by Noah Gorski who was 4-4 at the plate, including a double. Nick Kocher had a double in his three-hit performance and Drew Patton and Ian Dawsey pounded out doubles.

Jack Tomko suffered a tough loss on the mound for the Pirates. Byron Oldeack also pitched well. Chris Murray doubled while Byron Oldeack and Eric Llewellyn collected singles for the Pirates.

Yankees 9
Rangers 6
Carl Markowski picked up the win and combined with Cody Coolbaugh to strike out 13 as the Yanks got by the Rangers, 9-6.

Coolbaugh and Markowski also led the Yankees' 13-hit offense, each getting three hits and a double. Collin Pertl and David Schuster added two hits each for the winners.

Pertl and Michael Doggett both doubled and had three RBI for the Yanks. Malik Kaleta had three hits for the Rangers while Michael Luksic had two hits, including a home run.

Yankees 14
Dodgers 7
Michael Doggett had three hits and six RBI while hitting his first home run of the season as the Yankees doubled up the Dodgers, 14-7.

Collin Pertl picked up the win on the hill for the Yanks. David Schuster and Owen Sprau added three hits while Cody Coolbaugh, Pertl, Carl Markowski and Jordan Vitkoski had two hits each for the winners.

Ben O'Connell homered for the Dodgers to highlight his 3-hit game. Alex Kapral, Connor Phillips and Henry Selingo added two hits each for the Dodgers.

Yankees 6
Astros 3
Cody Coolbaugh, Carl Markowski and Dave Schuster struck out 11 as the Yankees rocketed past the Astros, 6-3.

Coolbaugh and Collin Pertl each had two hits while Sprau hit his first home run of the year. Drew Patton singled twice for the Astros while Nick Kocher added a triple.

Astros 11
A's 1
Nick Kocher picked up the win and combined with Noah Gorski and Jordan Finch to limit the A's to two hits as the Astros won, 11-1.

Kocher aided his cause with two hits, including a towering solo home run in the second inning, and three runs scored. Gorski added two hits and scored three, including a two-run triple.

Derek Peters suffered the loss. Peters and Josh Price singled and Colin Bowanko scored for A's.



Kelley Taylor (No. 10) of Dallas attempts to tag out Lake-Lehman's Morgan Decker (No. 3).



Sarah Bilski with her grandfather, Tom Kerpovich.



The ball is between Dallas catcher Desiree Roberts and batter Kristen Baker, Lake-Lehman.

Hitters knock Kidney Cancer out of the park



Kristan Baker bangs out a home run for Dallas in the fourth inning.

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Striking out cancer

“Strike Out Kidney Cancer” featured a benefit softball game between Dallas and Lake-Lehman high schools on May 8 at the Back Mountain Little League Field.

Dallas senior Sarah Bilski organized the game as her senior completion project because kidney cancer has affected her family. Bilski's grandfather, Tom Kerpovich, lost a kidney due to cancer in 2008 and,

recently, his remaining kidney was diagnosed with cancer. The goals of Bilski's project were to increase kidney cancer awareness and to raise money for research.

Set and match for DHS tennis

The Dallas High School tennis team defeated Holy Cross, 5-0.

In singles competition, Ethan Pensak (D) defeated Robby Azzacelli, 6-0, 6-1; Scot Riccetti (D) defeated Jordan Joyce, 6-0, 6-0; and Andrew Nakkache (D) defeated TJ Thomas, 6-1, 6-4.

In double action, Ryan McCarthy / Blake Donovan (D) defeated Casey Gaughan / Chris Gasper, 6-3, 6-2; Francois Ross / Tyler Tuck (D) defeated Kerry Kearney / Matt Smith, 6-0, 6-1.

Gymnast Chielli hopes to compete on national level

Maria Chielli, 16, of Dallas, hoped to make the Junior Olympic National Team when she competed on May 13 in Long Beach, California.

A Level 10 gymnast at Northeast Gymnastics Academy in Hanover Township, Chielli placed third in the six-state, Region VII Championships and second all-around in the Pennsylvania state championship.

Of tens of thousands of young women gymnasts competing across the country, only 500 will

compete at the national level. To qualify for the Junior Olympics, a gymnast must place at their regional competitions.

The Region VII encompasses 7,000 athletes from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia in programs for both young gymnasts to those that produce Olympic athletes.

College coaches from around the country kick off their recruiting seasons by attending the event.



COURTESY PHOTO

Maria Chielli, of Dallas, had the chance of a lifetime to compete in the Junior National Olympic Championships on May 13 in California. Chielli, right, is shown here with her coach Lori Dexter.