

NEK Teams Zone Tournament Update--- July 25th

Season has ended for two more Northeast Kansas league legion teams as postseason zone tournaments continued last night.

After eliminating, fellow Northeast Kansas league team Doniphan County in the Zone 1 tournament, Hiawatha continued in the losers bracket with a matchup against Wellsville; where Wellsville came away with an 11-1 four inning win. Hiawatha fell behind early as Wellsville wasted no time to plate runs scoring four in the bottom of the first. Wellsville would go onto scored one in the second, two in the third and four in the fourth, to run-rule the game. Hiawatha's lone run came in the top of the second off the Indians lone two hits in the ball game. Parker Hasenkamp and Tyler Jacobsen tallied the hits, with Hasenkamp coming around to score. Hiawatha with the loss finishes their legion baseball season 11-29 this year.

The Zone 4 tournament continued last night also with three Northeast Kansas league teams still alive in postseason play. First up on the night was the winners bracket game between Silver Lake and Seneca, winner moving one win away from the state tournament. Offense got Seneca on the board early but struggles compiled throughout the game and Silver Lake capitalized for a 10-4 win. Seneca struck first scoring two in the first inning after a pair of free passes, Michael Ohlsen hit a two RBI double to bring home the first two Seneca runs. Ohlsen finished the game 2-3 with two RBI and two doubles, earning himself McDonald's "Player of the Game" honors in the loss.

After Seneca scored, Silver Lake would score at least one run for three straight innings, plating one in the second, two in the third and three in the fourth to lead 6-2 going into the fifth. In the fifth with two outs Dylan Kramer struckout but the ball squirted away from the Silver Lake catcher, Jace Freeman and allowed Kramer to make it to first base and continue the inning. With Kramer continuing the inning, Eric Heurter stepped to the plate and blasted his second two-run home run of the zone tournament, to bring Seneca within two runs, but Silver Lake would change that in the sixth. Behind a pair of Seneca errors, three-hits and a pair of free passes, Silver Lake scored four runs in the sixth to lead it 10-4. Seneca would get down to their final three outs in the seventh and go down one-two-three to end the game, 10-4 win for Silver Lake.

Seneca fell to 24-6 on the season, but is still alive in the zone tournament play as the loss is only their first loss in postseason play. Seneca will play tonight versus Royal Valley for the second time in the zone tournament after Royal Valley beat Frankfort 15-5 in the elimination game nightcap in Silver Lake. Frankfort wraps up their legion baseball season with a 7-19 record on the year.

Royal Valley versus Seneca in elimination game at 6:00pm tonight, followed by winner of that game versus Silver Lake at 8:15pm.

Other, legion baseball action was taking place last night also as Sabetha who hosts this years state Legion tournament continued their regular season with a double header sweep of Wamego at Somerset park, 14-1 & 7-5.

Sabetha Wins Double-Header Over Wamego

Sabetha swept Wamego 14-1 & 7-5 in a pair of 4-inning games. Sabetha won a run-rule shortened game one behind Graham Howards 5 RBI's. Four of the RBI's came on game-ending grand slam in the bottom of the fourth. Tate Steinlage and Graham Droge each added two hits with both of Droge's hits being doubles. Steinlage added a double a three runs scored. Sabetha scored 13 of their runs in the third and fourth innings. Benji Stoller pitched the final two frames for his team-leading

8th win of the season.

Game two was called in the top of the fifth of a 5-inning affair due to lightning. Graham Droge continued his hot hitting with another pair of doubles and 4 RBI's. Graham Howard pitched the final 2.2 innings for the win.

Sabetha is now 33-11 on the year and completes its regular season against Manhattan at noon on Saturday.

For updated Zone 4 Tournament bracket ([click here](#))

For updated NEK Standings ([click here](#))