



**DEAL SYNAGOGUE SOFTBALL LEAGUE
PLAYOFF SCHEDULE
GAMES TO BE PLAYED AUGUST 14, 1983**



FIELD A

DYNASTY

VS

MIDNIGHT RAMBLERS

- 10:00 AM

FRONT-RUNNERS

VS

GEMALS PALS

- 4:30 PM

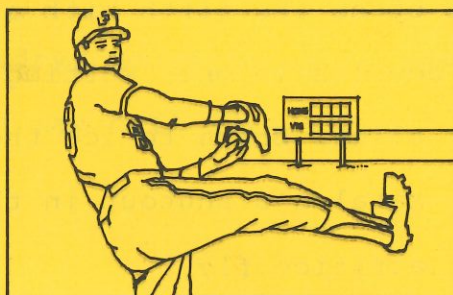
SCORES OF GAMES PLAYED AUGUST 7

DYNASTY - 6

FRONT-RUNNERS - 4

RAMBLERS - 1

PALS - 0



DEALINGS



DYNASTY TAKES OPENER FROM RAMBLERS 6-1

RICHIE BRAHA SPARKLES WITH CLUTCH HITTING AND AGGRESSIVE BASE RUNNING

Dynasty captures the first game of the series. They need only one win this Sunday to advance, but the Ramblers have not lost any confidence and are looking to sweep.

Dynasty wasted no time. In the bottom of the first Mitchell Haddad hits a gapper which looked like a double. But Mitchell forces a bad throw and ends up scoring for a 1-0 lead. "Diamond" Richie Braha then followed with a sharp single, but was stranded at second when Eddie Ash made a pretty play at third on Eli Gindi.

In the bottom of first, Eddie Azar Cohen leads off with a sliding double, knowing he would gamble on taking second as soon as he hit it. Cohen advances to third on a ground out, but the daring base running backfires when Morris Chera, who played another solid game at bat and on the field, threw Eddie out at home after catching a shallow pop up. Gambling on the basepaths did not prove to be profitable for Ramblers this day.

In the top of the fourth, Richie got the second of his three hits, a line shot into right. But he never stops and takes second despite a strong throw from Stevie Salem. Eli Gindi follows with a line drive off of the second basemen's knee. As the ball bounds toward the pitcher's mound, Braha turns it on again to score on a slide at the plate.

After Gary Erani gunned out another Rambler runner in the bottom of the fourth, Morris Chera opens the fifth with a single. Gary follows with a walk. Ricky Franco doubles in one, setting up an intentional walk to Mitch Haddad. This allows Braha to ice the game with a two run single. The Ramblers broke Matalon's shutout in the last on an Elliot Braha triple and Eddie Ash sacrifice fly.



FRONT-RUNNERS MOTOR PAST PALS 4-0

ALAN BAILEY SWINGS BIG BAT: FRONT TOSSES SHUTOUT

The Front-Runners continue to cruise along. Sammy Ashkenazi and Marty Gemal lock horns in a scoreless tie as they duel into the fifth. That is when Alan Bailey got his first big hit. With Raymond Beyda on first, Bailey drives a single to center. Beyda heads for third, and when the throw eludes the third baseman, he scores, as does Bailey for a 2-0 Runner lead.

In the bottom of the fifth the Front-Runners make another big play. With a Pal on third and one out, the ball is hit on one hop to short. Eddie Beda, conceding nothing, fires home and Sammy's shutout remains intact.

As the top of the sixth approaches, the Front-Runners know they would like some insurance. And so Marvin Saka, swinging a torrid bat these playoffs, starts it with a single. Bucky Doueck swats a double and the edge widens to 3-0. That enables Alan Bailey to pick up another RBI with a single, to close out the scoring. Look out, the Runners are building speed.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST

- 1) Rawlings "Heart of Hide" baseball glove
Belongs to Eli Gindi (name is on glove)
Reward being offered.
- 2) Rawlings baseball glove
Belongs to Ely Tawil (name is on glove)

FOUND

- 1) Wilson "Ron Guidry" model baseball glove
- Anyone with information may call 531-3917





AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH SAMMY ASHKENAZI



The Deal Synagogue softball league took the opportunity to question Sammy Ashkenazi, star pitcher for the Front-Runners, on a variety of topics. Storefront, as he is affectionately called, has long been one of the most controversial and opinionated players in the league. The following is a transcript of our conversation.

FRONT: Before we start, I would like to make it clear that the Front-Runners will not lose a game for the remainder of the playoffs because of our pitching - namely Marvin Saka and myself.

DSSL: Your optimism is refreshing, to say the least. The first question I must ask for the benefit of our readers is, how did you get your nickname?

Front: Well, it was 1954 and I was about 15 years old. I was driving a 1952 Pontiac and I just lost control. I wiped out a city block full of storefronts - true story.

DSSL: Over the years you have established yourself as a clutch pitcher. What is your philosophy on pitching?

Front: Pitching is all a matter of timing. That's the secret. You must bear down on the weak hitters so when the big hitters get their hits, the bases are empty. You can't shut down everybody, but you have to get those easier outs.

DSSL: The Front-Runners have used the intentional walk quite a bit this year. Obviously, you feel it is a good strategy.

Front: In many cases, definitely for the Front-Runners, the intentional walk has always paid off. Not one of those walks have scored on us all year.



DSSL: What is your opinion of the fast pitch rule, relieving limits on speed and giving batters three strikes?

Front: It makes no difference what the rules are to me - I can pitch no matter what rules they play. As a batter, though, I feel the three strikes are a big advantage.

DSSL: Who is the hardest batter to pitch to of those you have faced?

Front: There are a lot of good hitters in this league. That's hard to say. Marty Gemal is one who gives me trouble. Picciotto hits everyone and Sammy Big is also tough. But there are others.

DSSL: Let's focus some attention on your family. Do you find that it makes a difference in your pitching when your wife, Norma, cheers for you?

Front: I enjoy it and it is nice, but I don't think it makes a difference.

DSSL: Your son Jackie is highly touted as one of the more talented young prospects. Do you have a comment on that?

Front: My son Jackie will be, four years from now, the best player in the Deal Softball league. He'll be 17 years old then.

DSSL: Is it true that you are considering an attempt at winter ball in the Dominican Republic?

Front: No, I'm going to spend my winter with my wife and kids.

DSSL: Did you play any other sports when you were younger?

Front: Are you kidding? at Lafayette I was on the football, basketball, and baseball teams. I played basketball with Sandy Koufax and Joe Torre. I was the best inch for inch rebounder in my league.

DSSL: What was the best team you ever played on in this league?

Front: Gemal's Pals of five years ago was awesome; the best team ever to play in this league. Incidentally, I was a little younger

and batted clean-up and played short on that team.

DSSL: What do you think about the predictions that have appeared in this newsletter during recent weeks?

Front: Well, you were wrong in predicting the Psychos against us in the first round, and I can't see how we are underdogs VS. Gemal's Pals in this series. Just compare us man for man.

DSSL: What has been the key to the Front-Runners success this year?

Front: Among other things, Marvin Saka's devastating bat. We also have the best all-around player in the league in Nathan Tawil.

DSSL: What do you have to say about the Dynasty-Ramblers series?

Front: Whoever wins, we will sweep them. I would like to say that Dynasty came in through the back door, and if they win I'll send them out through the back door. They're lucky just to be here.

DSSL: Those are pretty strong words, but nothing we wouldn't expect from such a controversial player such as yourself. Thank you for an interesting discussion.

Front: Thank you, it was my pleasure.

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