

The Deal Softball Times

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BLACK HERITAGE



FINAL SEASON STANDINGS

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	GB	RUNS FOR*	RUNS AGAINST
Outsiders	9	5	-	111	54
Smack Pack	9	5	-	57	49
Los Hermanos	9	5	-	79	67
Black Magic	7	7	2	64	52
South Beach	6	8	3	73	109
Scorpions	2	12	7	56	86

* indicates the missing week was not counted in these categories.

TIME FIELD	FIELD A	FIELD B
10:00 AM	Outsiders vs. South Beach	Smack Pack vs. Los Hermanos
11:30 AM	Outsiders vs. South Beach	Smack Pack vs. Los Hermanos

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Week 7

David Gadeloff

5-8 3 runs

8 RBI's 1.5R

Playoffs

Elliot Betesh

5-9 4 runs

3 2B's 2 RBI's

Smack Pack Sets The Stage For the big matchup With Outsiders

They controlled their own fate. If they won both games they would clinch first place. Smack Pack were tied with Los Hermanos going into this game versus the Scorpions, but held the head-to-head advantage. As for their arch rivals, the Outsiders, well they maintained a one game lead in the standings. But a tie with the Outsiders would not be good enough for the Pack, since the Outsiders led the season series 2-0. Dougie Goldenberg led off the game with a base hit in the 1st. After two consecutive flyouts, Ikey Yedid came up big. He doubled to allow Goldenberg to score and take the 1-0 lead. The Scorpions, meanwhile had trouble seeing the ball as Ikey Yedid flustered their batters all day. The Smack Pack were back at it again in the 2nd, when Stevie Beda started a rally with a base hit. Abie Cohen's pair of walks helped jam the bases with only one out. Dougie Goldenberg got the job done by driving in a run on a sacrifice fly ball. After Beda scored, the Smack Pack led 2-love. But with the heart of the order due up, Abie Cohen forced Eddie Mishan to ground out and end the inning. There was not much action the rest of the way as Ikey Yedid continued to mow down any Scorpion in his way. Abie Cohen pitched well also, as he gave up only 2 hits the rest of the way while striking out a couple. Cohen allowed only 5 hits, but his team could not come near anything Ikey Yedid threw at them. Although Smack Pack came away with the victory, it was not a good sign to see them put up a mere two runs against the league's last place team. It was not a good sign for them considering that the Outsiders scored 15 runs against South Beach earlier in the day. In any event, the long anticipated matchup was now set, for details see page 1.



Ikey Yedid and Abie Cohen both pitched well in this pitcher's duel.

SMACK PACK-2 SCORPIONS-0

South Beach Is Disqualified Despite An Early Lead, Ump Tosses Ikey Franco

Let's just say that Ikey Franco has not made it to a lot of the umpires' Christmas lists. After jumping out to a commanding 9-5 lead, the regular season came to a premature end last Sunday. South Beach continued to hit unbelievably in the 1st inning. After posting a pair of touchdowns against Red Nesser in the first game they were sparked once again by the superb hitting of Ikey Ash and Joe Gindi. Although the entire team belted the ball all day, Ash and Gindi were the sparks. After Elliot Betesh and Ikey Franco boarded the basepaths in the 1st, Sammy Tawil doubled to take the 1-0 edge. Ikey Ash spanked one of his five hits on the day to drive in two more and take a 3-0 margin. A pair of Los Hermanos home runs helped match those 3 runs, though. With Jason Cohen on first, Sandy Zinn clubbed a 2-run blast. Then, with two outs, David Franco sent the ball into orbit by putting one through the uprights in rightfield to tie the score. South Beach came right back in the top of the 2nd. After 3 straight base hits started the inning, South Beach got out twice before Joe Gindi came up. Gindi belted a grand slam that provided Chubby Kassab with a 7-3 lead. Los Hermanos looked like they were gearing up for the playoffs as they put a pair of runs on the board in the 2nd, thanks in part to Albert Levy's RBI double. With the score 7-5, Ikey Ash sparked another rally. He tripled for the 3rd time of the day, and scored on Morris Missry's base hit. Joey Cohen followed with a triple to drive in Missry for a 9-5 advantage. This is where the argument broke out. As far as we know, it was about a mistake in the batting order, but Ikey Franco was not pleased. After Franco refused to leave the field after being tossed, the umpire decided to award a victory to Los Hermanos, the game had little bearing on the standings since Los Hermanos were already locked in the 3rd slot, while South Beach automatically played Black Magic in the playoffs.



The ump decided the outcome in this game.

Black Magic Defeat Los Hermanos Convincingly, 9-4

Los Hermanos jumped into 1st place last week when Smack Pack lost to South Beach. Black Magic wanted this gaem in an effort to cling to 4th place. Neither team did any damage early on until Buca decided to take matters into his own hands. Buca homered in the 4th to give his team a 1-0 lead. Black Magic came right back with a rally that put them ahead for good. David Franco led off with a walk. After Henry Shalam doubled to put men on 2nd and 3rd, Jack Braha singled to bring in the tying run. Freddy Weintraub smashed a key triple that allowed Shalam and Braha to score. After Jackie Harary' sac fly, the score was 4-2. Black Magic added a run in the next inning when Morris Shalom and David Franco teamed up for a pair of back-to-back doubles to provide a 4 run advantage. Los Hermanos entered the 6th down 5-1 and in desperate need of some runs. Albert Levy came through with a base hit to spark a rally. After a Sandy Zinn single, Buca walked to load the bases for David Franco. Franco crushed a double to drive in a pair of runs and make the score 5-3. Black Magic was not to be outdone, though. Henry Shalam, singled and Jack Braha doubled to make it 2nd and 3rd. After a run came in on an Ike Maleh sacrifice, Eddie Beda walked to jam the bases. Eddie Anzarouth came up huge, with a double to bring in a trio of runs. Braha, Weintraub, and Beda all scored to make the score 9-3, virtually putting the game out of reach. This kind of oppurtune hitting was what Black Magic lacked all year, and it eventually plagued them in the playoffs. In the top of the 7th, Jackie Menashe triple and scored but they still needed 5 more runs. Los Hermanos was handed their 5th loss of the year but more importantly fell out of 1st place contention.

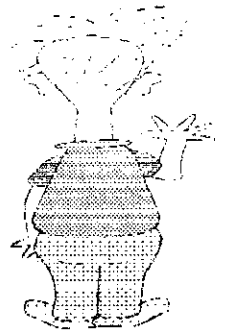
BLACK MAGIC-9 LOS HERMANOS-4



Black Magic did a disappearing job on Los Hermanos.

Black Magic Reaches .500 Mark, Scorpions are Far From It

The Scorpions had thier moments. There were a number of games that they could have won but came up short. So in a season where they could never "close the book", the book was slammed shut emphatically on them in their last game of the season. Black Magic was in no mood to make this easy on their opponents. Henry shalam belted a solo home run in the 1st to provide a quick 1-zip lead. The Scorpions, as usual did not go down without a fight. Joey Bailey's 2nd inning triple helped tie the score. The oft-absent Abie Cohen hita sacrifice fly to drive in J.B. The Scorpions looked as if they would end the season on a positive note when they took the lead later in the game. Abie Cohen drove a base hit into the outfield in the top of the 6th. Jody Levy's sacrifice fly ball knocked in Cohen and captured the lead for the Scorpions. Going into the bottom of the 6th, the Scorpions clung to a shaky 2-1 lead. Black Magic came back in the bottom of the inning. Jack Braha led off the inning with a base hit. After Jackie Harary replaced him on the base paths through a fielder's choice ground ball, Ikey Maleh hit a clutch two-out double to tie the score at 2-apiece. In the 5th inning, the Scorpions had put men on 1st and 2nd for Stevie Rahmey. When he hit a ground ball to 3rd, Black Magic turned "3". So after this triple play, it must have been a bad omen for Rahmey. He got another chance in the 7th with the bases loade and 2 men out. He lew out to right field setting the stage for Black Magic. Eddie Anzarouth led the 7th off with a single. After a Morris Shalom fielder's choice, Harry Catton drove in the gamewinner giving the Magic a 3-2 victory.



Black Magic sends the Scorpions packing for the off-season.

Outsiders Almost Surrender 11 run lead as they "eek" out South Beach, 15-14

After the famous "trade" between these two teams the Outsiders went on a tear winning 5 of their last 6 games. They closed in on 1st place after beginning the season with a 2-4 record. Nothing would be sweeter for South Beach than to spoil the Outsiders plans. The Outsiders fell behind in the 1st inning after South Beach's Joe Gindi doubled. Sammy Tawil's base hit RBI made it 1-0. David Gadeloff continued to rip his old team. He stepped up to the plate with the bases loaded after 3 consecutive Chubby Kassab walks. Gadeloff doubled to clear the bases and take a 3-1 lead. In the 2nd inning, the bottom of the Outsiders' batting order did the damage. Gabby Sutton's leadoff double was followed by an Abie Betesh RBI double. Two batters later, substitute Sammy Sutton singled to bring in Betesh. In the 3rd, with David Labo and David Gadeloff on base, Gabby Sutton chalked up a pair of ribbies to make the score 7-1. In the 4th, the Outsiders continued to destroy South Beach. Jo Jo Faham sparked a rally with a leadoff double. After Ikey Mavorah singled, Sammy Sutton and Jesse Sutton drove in Jo Jo and Mavorah respectively. Red Nesser followed with a single, while David Labo brought in Sammy Sutton. There was no letting up from the Outsiders as Gadeloff and Sam Cohen joined in to add 2 more and make it 12-1. South Beach fought back from down 11, though. Ikey Ash sparked a rally with a triple. Joey Franco singled to drive in Ash. After Elliot Betesh knocked in 2 more runs, Joe Gindi's triple allowed Meyer Yedid to score, Ikey Franco doubled to bring in a pair of runs and cut the deficit to 12-7. Jo Jo Faham tallied his 2nd homer of the year in the 5th, and Jesse Sutton added another home run made it 15-7. After Ikey Ash tripled and scored again in the 6th, South Beach rallied one more time in the 7th. South Beach couldn't take the lead, despite an Elliot Betesh triple, a Sammy Tawil homer, and Ikey Ash and Joey Cohen doubles back-to-back, they came up short losing 15-14.

Outsiders Clinch 1st Place By Whipping Smack Pac In Big Game

Entering this game, the Smack Pack maintained a one game lead over the Outsiders and Los Hermanos for first place. But the determining game which decided first place would be this one. It was a showdown between the league's two best teams. Ikey "Oakley" Mavorah led things off with a double for the Outsiders. Red Nesser followed with a single to move over Mavorah. Jesse Sutton helped his team strike first blood with a double that drove in a run for a 1-0 lead. After David Labo walked, it set the stages for David Gadeloff. With the bases loaded, Gadeloff roughed up pitcher Ikey Yedid with a grand slam. His home run propelled the Outsiders to an early and comfortable 5-0 edge. While Red Nesser began to mow down the Smack Pack, he allowed his team enough time to run up the score. After a Red Nesser single, Ikey Yedid walked David Labo and Gabby Sutton to load the bases again. This time Sam Cohen doubled to clear the basepaths and bring in 3 runs. Abie Betesh followed Cohen with a double that made it 9-0. Before you could even say "1st place", the Outsiders ran away with the game. While the once mighty Smack Pack bats continued to sputter, the Outsiders began to celebrate. Red "Hot" Robert Nesser did plenty of damage at the plate as well. He doubled in the 4th before Jesse Sutton drove him in with a double for the 10th run of the game. Red's performance was nothing short of spectacular. In this crucial game he came up big, allowing a mere 3 hits while going 4-4 with 3 runs scored. The outsider shut out propelled them into first place and gave them a sweep of the Smack Pack on the year.



Smack Pack takes a beating from their rivals-the Outsiders.

South Beach Leads Series 1-0

South Beach and Black Magic squared off in this first round matchup between the 4th and 5th seeds in the playoffs. South Beach grabbed the early lead when Elliot Betesh and Joey Gindi doubled consecutively. After falling behind 1-0, Black Magic tried to tie the score but David Franco was gunned down at the plate. Both Chubby Kassab and Ikey Maleh pitched great games while neither team could muster up a serious threat. In the top of the 5th, South Beach added a couple of more runs. Joey Franco led off with a walk. He was followed by a Meyer Yedid double down the line. Elliot Betesh brought in a run on a sacrifice ground ball, Meyer Yedid scored on Ikey Franco's base hit. David Franco led off the 6th with a walk. With two outs, Elliot Betesh overthrew 1st base allowing Jack Braha on base and Franco to score. With the score 3-1, in the bottom of the 7th, Ikey Maleh was walked by Chubby. Eddie Beda came up big with a double into the gap to drive in a run. After Eddie Anzarouth's sac fly moved Beda over to 3rd, David Franco had a chance to tie the game. When he flew out to leftfield, South Beach had taken a 1-0 lead in the series.

. SOUTH BEACH-3 BLACK MAGIC-2

Black Magic Evens The Series!!

Considering the fact that the first round of the playoffs consisted of a best of three series, Black Magic had their backs against the wall. They came out swinging in the 1st. David Franco led off with a double which he would have rather had one at bat earlier. Henry Shalam singled driving in the game's first run. Atera Freddy Weintraub double brought in Jackie Braha, Zacky Mishan clubbed a two-run home run to take a 4-0 lead. Black Magic didn't let up in the 3rd when they added a couple more runs. Henry Shalam singled and scored, while Zacky Mishan chalked up his 3rd RBI of the game by bringing Braha in from 2nd base. Already down 6-0, South Beach looked to claw their way back in the game. Elliot Betesh started a rally with a single. He was followed by Joe Gindi's double to put men on 2nd and 3rd. Morris Missry's base hit up the middle drove in a pair of runs to cut the deficit to four. Player of the week Elliot Betesh sparked another rally in the 5th. He teamed up with Joey Gindi again for another single followed by a hit. Ikey Franco did the damage this time with a base hit that brought in 2 more runs. Franco later scored on a sacrifice fly to trim the lead to one run. Black Magic showed their toughness in the top of the 6th. Leading by a mere run, they exploded for 6 hits in the inning. Ikey Maleh doubled and scored on a Eddie Anzarouth double. Anzarouth scored to make the score 8-5, when Harry Catton singled. Morris Shalom scored as well to rebuild the 4 run advantage. Ikey Maleh ended things off for Black Magic by shutting the book on South Beach.

BLACK MAGIC-9 SOUTH BEACH-5

South Beach Advances To Next Round

It was do or die for both teams. Whoever won this one moved on to play the Outsiders. Zacky Mishan's 2nd inning blast into the gap looked like it would make the score 1-0, but he was thrown out at the plate to preserve the deadlock. Morris Missry's base hit into left was the first of 3 consecutive singles to the same spot. Joey Franco's shot drove in the game's first run and provided South Beach with a slim 1-0 lead. Black Magic tied the score in the 4th fueled by Harry Catton's triple. He looped a ball to opposite field that allowed him to move to 3rd. Henry Shalam brought him in on the next play with a ground ball. A string of Black Magic singles in the 5th broke the 1-1 tie. Jackie Harary, Ikey Maleh, and Eddie Beda singled consecutively to load the bases with 1 out. Morris Shalom drove in a run on a sac fly to take the important lead by a score of 2-1. One run was all they could put on the board as they tried to preserve their lead. With South Beach down to their last licks, and the bottom of the order due up, things weren't looking good for Ikey Franco's boys. But after Joey Cohen led off with a single, things turned around. Meyer Yedid replaced Cohen on the basepaths through a fielder's choice. Gabe Zetoney singled into right to make it 1st and 2nd. Elliott Betesh then followed with a ground ball to the right side of the field that squeaked thru. Ikey Franco drove in the game winner on a single and that was all she wrote for Black Magic's season.

SOUTH BEACH-4 BLACK MAGIC-2