

MICHAEL FALLAS 2 RUN H R TO MAKE IT 8-5 WAS TOO-LITTLE, TOO-LATE FOR THE REBELS. IN OUR PREDICTIONS OF THE PLAYOFFS WE HAD THE FORCES SLIGHTLY FAVORED OVER RED EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD AN INFERIOR RECORD. AFTER THIS GAME THE FORCES LOOK EVEN BETTER. THEY HAVE NATHAN TAWIL LOOKING INVINCIBLE. THEY HAVE ZILBERMAN WITH HIS STROKE BACK. THEY HAVE A SLEEPER HITTER IN BENJAMIN WHO ALWAYS GETS GOOD WOOD ON THE BALL. THEY HAVE A STEVEN ASHEAR WHO HAS BROKEN EVERY RUN SCORING RECORD (7 IN THE LAST 2 GAMES) IN THE BOOKS. YOGI LOOKS BETTER THAN HE HAS ALL SEASON. ALL THIS AND JACKIE BRAHA STILL DIDN'T WAKE UP. IF HE SHOULD WAKE UP RED BETTER STAY IN BED.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK: FORCES TO ADVANCE

ABIE SHUTS DOWN MURPHY'S 6 - 3

ABIE COHEN WAS A PLAYOFF PITCHER TODAY BEATING MURPHY'S BAR 6 -3 TO DRAW 1st BLOOD. THE RASCALS JUMPED OUT TO AN EARLY LEAD BEHIND AZAR, MISSRY, CHREM, AND SASSON. THE LEAD WAS 5-1 BUT SHOULD HAVE BEEN 10 - 1 WITH NO LESS THAN 4 RASCALS THROWN OUT IN THE 1st THREE INNINGS. MURPHY'S BAR WITH A SHOT AT THE GAME CLOSED THE GAP TO 5 - 3 WHEN THE KEY PLAY TO THE GAME OCCURED. WITH 1st AND 2nd AND NONE OUT A FLY BAR TO SHORT RIGHT DROPPED IN FRONT OF MISSRY WHO ALERTLY THREW TO 2nd FOR A FORCE OUT TO PUT A CRIMP IN A BUDDING RALLY. MURPHY'S BAR

NATHAN SLAMS RED

GOOD OLD RELIABLE NATHAN AS THE SONG GOES CAME THROUGH IN THE CLUTCH IN THE PLAYOFFS. °°°°°NATHAN TAWIL, SHOWING THE FORM HE SHOWED WHEN HE LED THE FRONTRUNNERS TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1983 CAME UP WITH THE BASES LOADED IN THE 4th INNING AND LINED A RED NESSER FASTBALL WAY OVER THE HEAD OF MICHAEL FALLAS IN RIGHT FIELD TO GIVE THE ARMED FORCES A 6-3 LEAD. THE REBELS COULDN'T COME BACK AGAINST YOGI AFTER THAT AND THE FORCES WENT ON TO DRAW 1st BLOOD 8-5. -----ZILBERMAN, BENJAMIN, STEVIE AND NATHAN LED THE FORCES AT THE PLATE AS THEY SOLVED RED'S FAST BALLS LIKE THEY KNEW WHAT WAS COMING. THE FACT IS RED NEVER LOOKED BETTER ON THE MOUND. HE HAD GOOD CONTROL, HIS FASTBALL WAS HUMMING AND HIS LOCATION WAS PERFECT. BUT, THE FORCES HIT HIM AT WILL AND THEY HIT HIS BEST PITCH. IN ONE PARTICULAR KEY AT BAT RED THREW 4 QUICK PITCHES TO BENJAMIN AND GOT THE COUNT TO 2 and 2. AFTER BENJAMIN STOPPED OUT RED THROW HIM A PERFECT FAST BALL AT THE KNEES BENJAMIN SLAMMED IT ON A LINE TO RIGHT AS IF RED WAS HIS FIRST COUSIN. NATHAN TAWIL DID THE SAME THING WHEN HE GRAND SLAMMED RED. STEVIE SHALOM ALSO LINED A 2 STRIKE PITCH ALMOST TAKING RED'S EAR INTO CENTER FIELD. THE FORCES HAVE MADE THEIR CASE. THEY BEAT RED AT HIS BEST AND THEY DID IT CONVINCINGLY.