

DEAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

PLAYOFF RESULTS JUNE 28th

ARMED FORCES 7

REBELS 3

FORCES WIN BEST OF 3 SERIES

2-0 AND ADVANCE TO SEMI-FINALS

MURPHY'S BAR 3
RASCALS 2 1st GAME

RASCALS 9
MURPHY'S BAR 3 2nd GAME

RASCALS WIN BEST OF 3

2-1 AND ADVANCE TO SEMI-FINALS

ARMED FORCES AGAIN LED BY NATHAN, STEVIE, VICTOR AND YOGI TO ADVANCE TO SEMI-FINALS WITH A CONVINCING 7-3 VICTORY OVER RED'S REBELS. THE REBELS TOOK THE LEAD IN THE FIRST INNING ON A JASON COHEN 3- RUN HR. NOW WAS THE TIME FOR RED TO SHOW THAT PITCHING IS 80% OF THE GAME. THAT MIGHT BE SO IN THE MAJORS BUT NOT HERE. NATHAN AND COMPANY CHIPPED AWAY AT RED AGAIN AND REGAINED THE LEAD 7-3. THEN YOGI SHUT THE DOOR ON THE REBELS. THE FEELING HERE IS THAT EVEN IF RED'S REBELS RALLIED, STEVIE'S FORCES WOULD HAVE SCORED MORE. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS THE REBELS COULD NOT MATCH THE POWER OF THE FORCES EVEN WITH SUPERIOR PITCHING. THE FORCES BEAT RED EASILY AND WE STILL HAVEN'T HEARD FORM JACKY BRAHA YET. THE FORCES HAD THE BENEFIT OF A WILD THROW IN A 2-OUT BASES LOADED SITUATION THAT MEANT 2- RUNS, BUT, THE REBELS NEVER SCORED A RUN AFTER THE 1~~st~~ INNING AND NEVER THREATENED. NOW ITS ON TO ANGELS TERRITORY FOR THE FORCES AND BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD FOR RED.

RASCALS ADVANCE IN RUBBER GAME 9 - 3 AFTER DAVEY

MIZRAHIS CLUTCH HIT WON THE 1~~st~~ FOR MURPHY'S 3-2.

MURPHY'S BAR NEVER APPLIED THE COUP-DE-TAT ON THE RASCALS WHEN THEY HAD THE CHANCE. ALL DAY LONG IT SEEMED THEY WERE AN EXTRA BASE HIT AWAY FROM SENDING THE RASCALS HOME. THEY NEVER DID IT. IN THE 1~~st~~ GAME IRWIN GINDI PITCHED A FANTASTIC GAME AND HAD A 1-0 LEAD GOING INTO THE 6~~th~~ INNING. THEN LIGHTNING STRUCK. CHREM BELTED A 3-1 PITCH WVER HADDADS HEAD FOR A 2 - RUN HOMER AND A 1 - RUN LEAD.

IT LOOKED LIKE CURTINS FOR THE BAR. BUT IN THE BOTTOM OF THE 7th MURPHY'S LOADED THE BASES WITH ONE OUT. DAVEY MIZ STEPPED UP, ABIE GOT THE COUNT IN HIS FAVOR RIGHT AWAY TO 0 - 2, THEN INSTEAD OF WASTING A PITCH (MIZ WOULD HAVE CHASED IT IN OUR OPINION) COHEN WENT RIGHT AFTER HIM WITH HEAD DOWN THE MIDDLE. DAVEY REACHED BACK TO A 1962 STICKBALL GAME AND WHIPPED A LINE DRIVE CLEAN SINGLE TO CENTER TO SEND TWO RUNNERS HOME AND VICTORY FOR MURPHY'S BAR.

IN THE SECOND GAME AGAIN IRWIN MATCHED ABIE INNING FOR INNING. HE HELD THE RASCALS TO 2 - RUNS THROUGH FIVE INNINGS. BUT AS WE SAID BEFORE HIS OWN TEAM COULD MANAGE ONLY 2 AS WELL. IN OUR OPINION THIS WAS WHERE THE SERIES WAS LOST. MURPHY'S BAR WITH FAR SUPERIOR HITTING ALL AROUND HAD AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT THE RASCALS AWAY. THE RASCALS HAD ONLY 2 HITTERS THAT COULD HURT MURPHY'S AND THEY COULD ONLY HURT THEM IN A CLOSE GAME. MURPHY'S BAR HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT SOME SPACE BETWEEN THEM AND THE RASCALS. THEY ALSO HAD AN OBLIGATION TO IRWIN WHO WAS DOING A TREMENDOUS JOB ON THE DAY HOLDING THE RASCALS TO 4-RUNS IN ALMOST 2 GAMES UNDER PLAYOFF CONDITIONS. BUT, MURPHY'S NEVER PUT IT TOGETHER. THE KEY AT BAT WAS 2 ON AND NONE OUT WITH JACKY HADDAD AT THE PLATE. HADDAD WAS CALLED OUT. THE CALL COULD HAVE GONE EITHER WAY, BUT, THE PITCH WAS CLOSE ENOUGH TO SWING AT. HADDAD TOOK IT, THE UMPIRE CALLED HIM OUT AND THAT WAS IT FOR THAT RALLY. AGAIN MURPHY'S BAR LEFT THE GAME CLOSE. AGAIN IRWIN WENT OUT TO THE MOUND WITHOUT BENEFIT OF A WELL DESERVED LEAD. EVEN A SMALL 2-RUN LEAD IN OUR OPINION

WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH FOR IRWIN. IN THE 6th INNING THE RASCALS FINALLY EXPLOADED. ALLEN SAKA HOMERED FOR A 3 - 2 RASCAL LEAD. THEN CAME MORRIS MISSRY AND IF EVER A SHOT SEALED A TEAMS FATE THIS ONE DID. MISSRY BELTED A 2 - 0 PITCH WAY OVER THE WALL IN LEFT FOR A 3-RUN HOME RUN AND A 7 - 2 LEAD AND THAT WAS ALL SHE WROTE. THE RASCALS ADVANCED TO THE SEMI-FINALS AGAINST A WELL RESTED NOW TEAM. MURPHY'S BAR WAS PICKED BY US TO ADVANCE. THEY HAVE A MUCH BETTER HITTING AND FIELDING TEAM THAN THE RASCALS. ONLY IN PITCHING DO THE RASCALS HAVE AN EDGE. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT MURPHY'S BAR GOT AN UNBELIEVABLE PITCHING JOB FROM IRWIN GINDI. HE MORE THAN HELD HIS OWN AGAINST ABIE COHEN. HE KEPT MURPHY'S BAR IN THE GAME IN THE FIRST GAME, SO, THEY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WIN IN THE 7th. HE KEPT THEM TIED AT 2-2 TILL THE LATE INNINGS OF THE 2nd GAME. IRWIN MADE PITCHING THE STRONG POINT OF MURPHY'S GAME YESTERDAY. THE BURDEN OF DEFEAT RESTS SOLELY ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE SILENT HITTERS IN THE BAR LINEUP. A TIP OF THE HAT TO IRWIN GINDI, HE DESERVED BETTER. NOW THE RASCALS HAVE TO FACE A WELL RESTED NOW TEAM WHO ALSO HAVE A MUCH BETTER ALL-AROUND HITTING TEAM THAN THE RASCALS. TRUE CHREM AND MISSRY HAVE BEEN BELTING THE BALL BUT 2 POWER HITTERS CANNOT BEAT A TEAM WITH SIX OR SEVEN HITTERS IN A ROW. IN ORDER FOR THE RASCALS TO ADVANCE AGAIN MISHAN AND BRAHA WOULD HAVE TO BE SILENT. IT COULD HAPPEN BUT CHARLIE'S SUPPORTING CAST SEEMS TO BE FAR SUPERIOR TO ABIES. THE PICK HERE IS NOW IN 4 GAMES.

AS FOR THE ANGELS AND FORCES SERIES THER COULD BE A LOT OF SUPRISES. IN THE FORCES CAMP THEY HAVE A VERY HOT NATHAN TAWIL WHO IS FIELDING AND HITTING AT THE TOP OF HIS GAME. WHEN HE GETS HOT HE IS AS GOOD AS ANYBODY. STEVIE AND VICTOR ARE ALSO CARRYING HOT BATS. DAYAN, BENJAMIN, GTNDI AND COMPANY ARE A GOOD SUPPORTING CAST. YOGI ON THE MOUND HAS SHOWN THAT HE CAN HOLD A LEAD UNDER PRESSURE AND THEN OF COURSE THEY STILL HAVE THE AS YET UNLEASHED POWER OF JACKY BRAHA. ITS LIKE WINNING A BOXING MATCH WITHOUT THROWING A RIGHT HAND. IF HE SHOULD GET HOT WITH NATHAN THE ANGELS WILL HAVE THEIR HANDS FULL. ON THE OTHER SIDE THE ANGELS DO HAVE THE GREAT ONE ON THE MOUND. ACCORDING TO CHUB HE HASN'T DECIDED HOW MANY GAMES HE WANTS THIS SERIES TO GO. IF HE FEELS THE CROWD DESERVES IT HE MIGHT GIVE THEM A FULL 5 GAME SERIES. THE ANGELS HAVE A POWER PACKED LINEUP LED BY DWECK, FRANCO, PICCIOTTO, HABER AND COMPANY. THEY DEFINETELY HAVE THE BETTER HITTING AND SHOULD THEY GIVE KASSAB ENOUGH OF A LEAD EVEN HE MAY HOLD IT.

IN THIS SERIES THE FORCES HAVE THE EXPERIENCE, BUT, THE ANGELS HAVE THE TALENT. IF PICCIOTTO WAS BIT AT THE HELM WE CALL THIS SERIES A VERY CLOSE ONE WITH THE ANGELS VERY SLIGHTLY FAVORED. HOWEVER JACK MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE, ANGELS IN 4.

SCHEDULE JULY 5th

NOW vs RASCALS 2 GAMES

BEST 3 OF 5

ANGELS vs FORCES 2 GAMES

BEST 3 of 5

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