

Thursday, July 9

UMass Boston – Boston, MA

Metro 4, Southeast 2

Both teams played a hard fought game today, but Metro was able to edge out Southeast, 4-2. Southeast, which drew first blood in the second inning, was powered by a two-hit performance from shortstop Kelly Sanborn (Hopkinton; Hopkinton HS). However, Metro went on to score three runs in the fifth, and another in the seventh. Metro's rally was led by Briana Siciliano (Stoneham; Arlington Catholic) who had a double. Two of Metro's pitchers, Samantha McGilvary (Brighton; Boston Latin) and Jamie Ricciardi (Tewksbury; Arlington Catholic) combined for a two hitter.

Northeast 14, Central 0

Taylor Ahearn (Salem; Bishop Fenwick) tossed a no hitter in what turned out to be a runaway, 14-0 victory against Central. Northeast struck early with two runs in the first before putting the game out of reach with nine runs over the next two innings. Northeast featured an offensive attack led by Stephanie Rudis (Haverhill; Essex Aggie HS).

West 5, Coastal 2

The West's Emma Mendoker (Amherst; Amherst Reg. HS) struck out 15 to lead her team to a 5-2 win over Coastal.

Southeast 8, Northeast 5

Southeast powered their way past Northeast in an 8-5 victory. Northeast jumped out to an early lead after scoring three runs in the first inning, but were only able to score two more runs the rest of the game. Northeast's offense was led by Alexander Moise (North Reading; North Reading HS) who had a double, and Alexander Greene (Tewksbury; Tewksbury Memorial). However, the highlight of the game was the home run hit by third baseman Keaira Perry (Bellingham; Bellingham HS). Perry also had a double in the win.

Metro 8, Central 6

Metro outslugged Central to take an 8-6 win. Miceala Brown (Brighton; Mount Saint Joseph Academy) led the way with three hits, while Caitlyn Leddy (Saugus; Arlington Catholic) and Brianna Gallagher (Belmont; Belmont HS) added two hits apiece. Central's offense was led by Tesia Stankasek (Blackstone) and Lauren Crossman (Lancaster; Clinton HS).

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Northeast 6, Coastal 0

Northeast dominated Coastal with a 6-0 shutout. Switch hitting Meaghan Kirby (Berkley; Coyle and Cassidy HS) played a solid game for Coastal. However, it was not enough to get past Jennie Lacolla (Stoneham; Stoneham HS) who pitched a gem. Lacolla was lights out with 12 strikeouts as Northeast provided enough support with four runs over the first and second innings. Catcher Cara Crowley (Lynn; Lynn English HS) hit a triple as Northeast capped off their win with two more runs over the sixth and seventh innings.

West 4, Metro 4

Metro and West tied 4-4 in a tight matchup. Metro, which scored all four of their runs in the first inning, was led by Jennifer Tamindzija (Malden; Malden HS) and Kristina Bove (Medford; Medford HS). However, Metro didn't score any more runs the rest of the game as West pitcher Emma Mendoker (Amherst; Amherst Regional HS) settled down and finished with 13 strikeouts. She now has 28 K's in two games in the circle for West.

Central 6, Southeast 4

Central scored four runs in the seventh as they rallied to beat Southeast, 6-4. Southeast was led by outfielder Amber Craft (Randolph; Hingham HS), who scored three runs on two hits. Infielder Allison Lucenta (Natick; Natick HS) and third basemen Keaira Perry (Bellingham; Bellingham HS) each scored a run on two hits. Southeast pitcher Laura McCormack (Natick; Natick HS) had three strikeouts.

Coastal 4, Metro 0

Coastal cruised to a 4-0 win over Metro behind the arm of Colleen Kirby (Berkley; Taunton HS) who had four strikeouts and pitched a two-hitter.

West 2, Northeast 0

West sneaked by Northeast in a pitching duel, 2-0. Emma Mendoker (Florence; North Hampton) recorded 11 strikeouts and didn't allow a run, holding the Northeast bats quiet for seven strong innings. Mendoker was helped in the field by Mary Pietrzak (Warick; Pioneer Valley Reg. HS), who made a sprawling catch. Northeast pitcher Jennie LaColla (Stoneham; Stoneham HS) recorded seven strikeouts.

Saturday, July 11

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Coastal 4, Southeast 3

Coastal rallied to barely pull out a 4-3 win over Southeast in what turned out to be a pitchers' dual until the last inning. Coastal and Southeast's bats came alive late in a game which didn't see a run scored until the final inning. Southeast outfielder Karen Contador (Holbrook; Cardinal Spellman HS) had a double and a single. However, the hitter of the game was Southeast's Keaira Perry (Bellingham; Bellingham HS) who had a triple and a double.

West 5, Central 1

Central jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the first inning, but West responded with five unanswered runs to win 5-1. Keeping the game in reach for Central was Hillary Hart (Clinton; Clinton), who had a tremendous over the shoulder catch holding the runners on base. West's strikeout machine Emma Mendoker (Amherst Regional HS) pitched seven innings while recording 10 strikeouts. She has had 10 or more strikeouts in all three starts at this year's Summer Games. The West remained undefeated with the win giving them a record of 3-0-1.

Metro 8, Northeast 3

Metro lit up Northeast pitching, scoring runs in almost every inning during an 8-3 win. Marissa DeFavero (Stoneham; Rivers School HS) had an RBI for Metro which scored two runs in the fourth, added another two in the third before doubling that with an eight run fourth. Northeast had a tough time hitting anything off Metro's Kiara Amos (Malden; Malden HS) who dazzled with four strikeouts. Northeast did not score a run until the fifth and final inning.

Coastal 2, Central 1

Coastal scored two runs in the top of the fifth inning to come from behind and defeat Central 2-1. Katie Josepon (Oakham; Quabbin Regional HS) went seven innings and recorded four strikeouts for Central.

Southeast 7, West 1

Southeast took West down in a 7-1 romp. Southeast exploded for five runs in the second inning led by outfielder Karen Contador (Holbrook; Cardinal Spellman HS) who had an RBI along with third basemen Keaira Perry (Bellingham; Bellingham HS). West's lone run came in the fourth inning from Katie Logan (Westfield; Williston Northampton HS). Southeast pitcher Laura McCormack (Natick; Natick HS) had five strikeouts. However, West pitcher Jamie Miner (Chicopee; Chicopee Comprehensive HS) out did her with eight strikeouts.

Sunday, July 12

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Bronze Medal Game

Southeast 3, Coastal 2

Southeast scored three unanswered runs in the sixth inning to come from behind and defeat Coastal 3-2, to win the bronze medal. Despite getting outhit 11 to six, Southeast pulled out the victory thanks to clutch hitting by Keaira Perry (Bellingham; Bellingham HS) who had a two-run RBI double in the sixth inning. Coastal's Colleen Kirby (Berkley; Taunton HS) pitched terrifically going for six innings and recording 10 strikeouts. Kirby also had an RBI on a walk in the sixth inning of an attempted comeback.

Gold Medal Game

West 2, Metro 1

West struck gold behind one of the finest pitchers in Bay State Games history.

Emma Mendoker (Amherst; Amherst Regional HS) put together another stellar performance for West as they beat Metro, 2-1.

West, who entered the gold match tied with Metro in the standings at 3-1-1, had been carried the entire tournament by their ace Emma Mendoker, who had a 3-0-1 record to go along with a stunning 49 strikeouts. Entering the game, West pitching had only given up a miniscule 14 runs the entire tournament.

"They bonded so well over the last two weeks here. I think a lot of friends were made on this team," said West coach Joe Montemagni, of his team. "But that's the nicest thing too, so the gold medal is sweet and something to hang our hat on, but the friendships that were made over this week, or the last couple of weeks I think are going to be even longer lasting."

Though West played a terrific tournament, Metro wasn't going to let them have it easily.

West got on the board early, scoring the first run of the game in the second inning after Danielle George (Longmeadow; Longmeadow HS) tripled and scored on a wild pitch. Metro responded in the third inning to tie the game up, 1-1.

Metro continued to keep the game interesting, with pitchers Jamie Ricciardi (Tewksbury; Arlington Catholic HS) and Kiara Amos (Malden; Malden HS) shutting down West's offense through most of the game. Both pitchers combined for seven strikeouts.

However, Mendoker did what she has done best throughout the tournament, taking the team on her back as she silenced Metro batters through the next three innings.

However, things got scary for West in the top of the seventh inning. Outfielder Briana Siciliano (Stoneham; Arlington Catholic) struck out swinging, though she reached base on a wild pitch. Siciliano then proceeded to steal second on another wild pitch, and then advanced to third on a mishandled ball. West recovered, however, with a spectacular defensive play by third basemen Kaylee Miodonka (Hampden; Minnechaug Regional) and catcher Julie Handsaker (Charlemont; Northfield Mt. Herman HS), who combined for a double play as the Metro batter grounded out, and Handsaker caught a bullet as she tagged out Siciliano who was barreling into home.

"That really was a nice play. It was a great play by the third basemen to have that to chase her back to third. A lot of times third basemen get it and they look at the runner, they don't make that runner change momentum and head back to third Kaylee Miodonka did that," Montemagni said. "She was able to get the out at first and give us the extra step to throw back home. There was a nice throw at home, Julie keeps her eye on the ball, and the collision at the plate. She has been banged up. She caught a lot of innings for us all tournament."

While that might have been the defining moment of the game, the story was pitcher Emma Mendoker, who came up to bat in the bottom of the seventh inning with the game on the line and the bases loaded.

Mendoker already had 11 strikeouts, however, West's fate was in her hands at the plate.

Mendoker, showing calmness and composure in the box, watched as ball four sailed past her, and she drew a walk, pushing in the game-winning RBI.

"I was nervous," Mendoker said of her at-bat at the end of the game. "I just told myself to keep cool, and that's the only way I can think clearly."

Mendoker, who finished the game with 11 strikeouts and finished with a tournament record 60 K's to cap off the dominant performance.

"I didn't really think about that, I just do my best every game," said Mendoker, who said she didn't even know what her strikeout count was going into the gold medal match.

Mendoker also made history as she became the first player ever to receive a game ball from the Bay State Game.

"I am going to put it in my room and try not to touch it," Mendoker said of her prize.