

## **SOFTBALL**

**Thursday, July 8**

**University of Massachusetts, Boston – Boston, MA**

### **Metro 4, Northeast 3**

Metro snuck out with a victory over Northeast, 4-3. Metro couldn't get anything past third base, as Northeast's Nicolette Delvecchio (Stoneham, Stoneham HS) redefined the term "shutdown corner" with diving stops and tremendous fielding, recording four put outs and one assist. Metro scratched out the win in large part because of sophomore Kiara Amos (Malden, Malden HS), who pitched a complete game and recorded six strikeouts in the win. Amos also had a great day at the plate, going 3-for-4 with the game winning RBI in the top of the seventh inning. Northeast attempted to answer in the bottom of the inning but it was halted when Metro centerfielder Hannah Hill (Malden, Arlington Catholic HS) gunned out a Northeast runner at the plate.

### **Coastal 13, Central 2**

Coastal defeated Central, 13-2. Strong hitting from Sam Mattos (Taunton, Taunton HS), who went 3-3 at the plate, Julie LeClair (Taunton, Coyle Cassidy), who ripped a triple and a homerun, and Shelby Phillips (Taunton, Taunton HS), who stroked a single and a triple, proved to be too much offense for Central to overcome. The trio also each scored at least two runs. Central's Nicole Hanley (Milford, Milford HS) flashed the leather with diving stop after diving stop, and recorded four putouts in the game.

### **West 7, Southeast 3**

West took down Southeast, 7-3. Southeast hit the ball well, but couldn't convert with runners on base. Pacing the Southeast offense were Sarah Clark (Weymouth, Arch Bishop Williams HS) with three hits and one double, and Jane Ghublikian (Milton, Milton Academy), who went 2-for-3 with an RBI. Southeast's Stephanie Lynch (Randolph, Avon Middle HS) made a tremendous throw from right field gunning out a West runner at second base. Catherine McCarthy (Ludlow, Ludlow HS) and Gianna Gonyea (East Long Meadow, East Longmeadow HS) led the West to victory, as each recorded an extra-base hit and two RBI. Tia Polona (Orange, Mahar Reg. HS) added a single and an RBI for West.

### **Northeast 2, Coastal 1**

Despite holding Northeast to no hits over the first six innings of the game, Coastal came out on the wrong end of a 2-1 decision. Kelly Reid (Nantucket, Nantucket HS) suffered the tough-luck loss as Northeast managed two runs on three hits in the bottom of the seventh inning. Julie LeClair (Taunton, Coyle-Cassidy), Payton Warner (Harwich, Harwich HS) and Shelby Phillips (Taunton, Taunton HS) were the offensive standouts for Coastal.

### **Metro 6, West 3**

West scored three runs in the top of the seventh to spoil a shutout bid by Metro, who took the game, 6-3. Metro southpaw Jamie Ricciardi (Tewksbury Arlington Catholic HS) led her team, going all seven innings and fanning 10 West batters. Offensively for Metro, Katie Caruso (Auburndale, Newton North HS) went 2-for-2 and Emily Berardi (Boston, Boston Latin School) added a triple. Kerry McCarthy (Florence, Northampton HS) and Emily Dominick (Granby, South Hadley HS) led the comeback effort for the West, combining for five hits, one run, and one RBI.

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## **Friday, July 9**

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#### **Metro 6, Southeast 0**

Metro recorded 10 hits to topple Southeast, 6-0. After two scoreless innings, Metro broke the game open, tallying a combined five runs in the third and fourth. Metro also played strong defensively, committing only one error in six complete innings of play. Megan Flaherty (Stoughton, Stoughton HS) earned one of only two hits for Southeast. Behind the dish, Kelsey Trabucco (Natick, Natick HS) had a solid game, gunning out a Metro base runner attempting to steal second.

#### **Northeast 12, Central 5**

Katherine Melanson smacked a two-run single to break a 5-5 tie and complete a six run rally in the top of the third to lead Northeast to a 12-5 victory over Central. Northeast standouts included catcher Chelsey Bartlett (Lynn, Lynn Classical), who went 2-for-2 with two RBI, and Alex Greene (Tewksbury, Tewksbury HS), who laced a base-clearing double. Defensively, Rachel Forgione (Saugus, Saugus HS) played a solid game at shortstop for Northeast, making a leaping grab in the second inning to keep the West from taking a five run lead.

#### **West 2, Coastal 6**

Kelly Reid (Nantucket, Nantucket HS) hurled a one-hitter to hold the West to just two runs and lead Coastal to a 6-2 victory. Tied at one a side through three innings of play, Coastal put together a five-run fourth to break the game open. Shelby Phillips (Taunton, Taunton HS) was the offensive spark for Coastal, who whaled a two-out triple to start the rally. As for Southeast, Gianna Gonyea (East Longmeadow, East Longmeadow HS) went 2-for-3 with a double and one run, and Emily Dominick (Granby, South Hadley HS) added an RBI single.

#### **Metro 8, Central 0**

Metro tallied 14 hits to defeat Central, 8-0. Top offensive performers for Metro were Kristina Bove (Medford, Medford HS), who went 2-for-4, and McKenzie White (Charlestown, East Boston HS), who went 2-for-3. Metro pitcher Jamie Ricciardi (Tewksbury, Arlington Catholic HS) shut down the Central offense surrendering only three hits in six innings, while recording four strikeouts.

#### **Southeast 3, Northeast 7**

Northeast came up with 10 hits in their second game of the day to beat Southeast, 7-3. The defensive highlight of the game goes to Southeast catcher Elizabeth Mulry (Holbrook, Cardinal Spellman HS), who made a great tag at the plate on a suicide squeeze attempt and then gunned down the runner at second to turn the double play. Allison Lucenta (Natick, Natick HS) went 2-for-4 with one run scored and Sarah Clark (Weymouth, Archbishop Williams HS) earned two RBI to spark the Southeast offense. Southeast was right on the ball, as they put together eight hits in the game, but the defense gave up three errors.

## **Saturday, July 10**

### **University of Massachusetts, Boston – Boston, MA**

#### **Southeast 7, Central 5**

Central rallied for three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning, but fell short as Southeast defeated Central, 7-5. Southeast scored four runs in the fifth inning to break the game open. Southeast was led offensively by Elizabeth Mulry (Holbrook, Cardinal Spellman HS) and Meg Flaherty (Stoughton, Stoughton HS), who went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI each. Teammate Allison Lucenta (Natick, Natick HS) also hit the ball well, going 3-for-4 with a RBI.

#### **Metro 5, Coastal 2**

Metro was victorious in a pitching duel over coastal, 5-2. Metro's pitching ace Kiara Amos (Malden, Malden HS) continued her dominating performance, as she struck out nine in six innings of work. Timely hitting aided Amos' efforts, as Katie Caruso (Auburndale, Newton North HS) went 3-for-4 with two runs scored, and MacKenzie White (Charlestown, East Boston HS) went 2-for-2. Caruso also displayed her skills in the field with a dive up the middle from the shortstop position.

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#### **Softball Final Matchups**

Saturday afternoon's softball games were cancelled due to rain. West and Northeast were in the fifth inning with Northeast leading 2-1. Typically, the medal matches are determined by the best record after five games, however, West was finishing their fourth game. As a result, the medal matches will be determined by the record of each team based on their first four games played.

West has qualified for the medal matches regardless of the outcome from the game that was cancelled in the fifth inning, today. West then wins the tie-breaker against Southeast because of a head-to-head victory over Southeast.

As a result, the Bronze Medal Game will feature West and Coastal at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, July 11, 2010. Coastal will be the home team.

The Gold Medal Game will feature Northeast and Metro at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, July 11, 2010. Metro will be the home team.

**Sunday, July 11**

**SOFTBALL**

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**Bronze Medal Game**

**West 5, Coastal 4**

After giving up an early lead, West pulled through to overcome Coastal in extra innings, 5-4, and win the bronze medal. A strong offensive effort gave the West a 4-2 lead through four innings of play. However, Coastal fought back, tying the game on a bloop single to right field in the bottom of the seventh and forcing the game to go to a tiebreaker. In the eighth, West used solid mechanics and small ball to score the runner that was placed on second and the defense was able to hold Coastal in the bottom of the inning to get the win. Allison Slyszy (Hatfield, Smith Academy) led the West offense, going 2-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored. Kerry McCarthy (Florence, Northampton HS) added one RBI on three hits, including a double. Starting pitcher Krystal Enko (Haydenville, Hampshire Reg. HS) tallied seven strikeouts and only one walk in six innings of work for the West.

**Gold Medal Game**

**Northeast 2, Metro 1**

In the second close game of the day, Northeast came through with the win against Metro, 2-1, to take the 2010 Bay State Games softball championship. The Northeast defense was the highlight of the gold-medal matchup. In the bottom of the fifth, Northeast left fielder Logan Carabello (Danvers, Danvers HS) threw a laser to ring up the tying run at the plate and end the inning. Fellow outfielder Alex Greene (Tewksbury, Tewksbury HS) made three huge plays, including a diving catch to save a run and end the inning. Carabello and Greene also sparked the Northeast offense. Carabello lined a RBI single to score Greene for the first run of the game. Greene finished the game with two hits, two stolen bases, and one run scored.