



Brooklyn/Bronx Baseball Report (5/18)

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"The final battles for post-season positioning are underway."

NEW YORK – The season is just about to wrap up this week as teams continue to jockey for playoff positioning and seniors begin to say farewell to their high school baseball careers.

The teams currently holding good positioning for the post season can thank special players that have gone above and beyond the call of duty. **The Bronx A East division** is pretty much wrapped-up for the dominant James Monroe Eagles who enter this final week still undefeated at 14 - 0 trying to pull off an undefeated season.

The Eagles have benefitted from great sophomore play as Wander Almonte, Kelvin Toribio and Frailyn Paez Cuevas are each tied for second in the division's RBI rankings with 16. Freshman Ricardo Parra leads the division with the lowest ERA (Earned Run Average) with 1.02 in 27.2 innings pitched.

Meanwhile, John F. Kennedy and Herbert H. Lehman have been neck and neck atop of the **Bronx A West Division** with the help from great performances from a pair of juniors. Pedro Taveras of John F. Kennedy currently leads the division in RBIs with 29 and is followed closely by second place Andy Ramos from Herbert H. Lehman with 24. The pitching of John F. Kennedy has helped keep the team in the top position with two players in the top five in ERA with Johnathan Rivera at (1.25) and Raviel De Jesus (1.85).

The **Brooklyn A East Division** has been ruled all year by undefeated James Madison who sport two top players from both sides of the diamond. Senior Mathew Maher leads the division in RBI's with 17 and Senior Edward Lenahan leads in ERA with 0.70 in 30.2 innings contributing to the undefeated campaign.

Last but not least, the **Brooklyn A West** has been a battle all year and currently Fort Hamilton is in contention for the title with HS Telecommunication Arts & Technology. Fort Hamilton Senior Daniel Mendez leads the division in RBI's with 21 and his teammate Junior Franciel Campusano leads in Earned Run Average at 0.66 in 32 innings pitched.

It is no coincidence that the teams leading their divisions have some of the top players in the entire PSAL and their numbers will need to improve as next week is playoff time.

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