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Rain and the early leaders

The 2012 season proved to be one with lots of hot weather and very little rain.

The same can't be said of the 2013 season.

There have already been a number of games rained out and most of the games have already been rescheduled.

Please check www.bjbaseball.com for the updated schedule.

The defending champion Kansas City SportsClub Blues are among the league leaders again.

The Blues came into the season with a 19game winning streak and they won their first eight games this season in action through June 17.

"We are fortunate to have been invited to play in the Ban Johnson League," manager Chris Faddis said. "We need to do our part in upholding its standards and traditions. This is a great league and we want to continue our affiliation for many years to come."

Faddis says that it is hard to single out any players as being keys to the team's success. He noted that everyone on the team has been key in certain situations.

"With our players departures from last year, we needed our new players to step up and they have in big ways," Faddis said. "Our players from last year have continued to elevate their games even more and have proved to be a stabilizing force for the team."

Seaboard won the league championship in 2011 and finished second to the Kansas City SportsClub Blues last season.

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HIGH FLYING ACTION - Jordan Rice (center) and Bryan Rezin (right) of the BJ Raiders reach for a ball as KC SportsClub Blues leadoff batter Adam Valencia scampers into second base in first of two games June 18 at Missouri 3&2 Stadium. Valencia scored a run in the inning.

Notable Numbers presented by Independence Ridge Apts.

(Statistics are through June 16)		6. Spencer Booe, Milgram Mustangs	7		
Batting Average		6. Timothy Lewis, Seaboard	7		
		9. (7 tied with 6 each)			
(based on a minimum of 15 at bats)		Pitching			
1. Garrett Mckenzie, KC A's	.579				
2. Adam Valencia, KC SportsClub	.563	Earned Run Average			
2. Timothy Lewis, Seaboard	.563	(based on a minimum of 11 innings)			
4. Kyle Clifton, UMB Bank	.559	•	0 ,		
5. Victor Brancato, Building Champions	.500	1. Bryan Dudley, KC A's	0.00		
5. Logan Gray, Building Champions	.500	2. Lucas Williams, KC A's	0.70		
7. Bobby Wernes, Natural Baseball	.467	3. David Reese, NKC Apartments	0.75		
8. Bobby Gates, Regal Plastics	.455	4. Ryan Lasneske, Milgram Mustangs	0.82		
9. Braden Brown, Seaboard	450	5. Steven Johnson, KC A's	0.93		
10. Christian Arnold, KC A's	.429	6. Jacob Dahlgren, BJ Raiders	1.00		
10. Clarke O'Dowd, Milgram Mustangs	.429	7. Nick Ferraro, MSBL Royals	1.19		
12. Trent Sullivan, Regal Plastics	.417	8. Tyler Day, KC SportsClub	1.23		
13. Garrett Gibson, MidAmericare	.412	8. Brendan Janes, UMB Bank	1.23		
14. John Hatch, Seaboard	409	10. Matt Richie, Milgram Mustangs	1.87		
15. Zac Shaw, Milgram Mustangs	.406	Strikeouts			
Home Runs		1. David Reese, NKC Apartments	24		
	2	2. Matt Richie, Milgram Mustangs	21		
1. Kyle Clifton, UMB Bank	3	3. Steven Johnson, KC A's	19		
2. Nick Elmore, NKC Apartments	2	4. Tyler Day, KC SportsClub	16		
2. Horace Johnson, KC A's	2	5. Greg Fry, MSBL Royals	15		
4 (4 tied with one each)		5. Bryan Dudley, KC A's	15		
Runs Batted In		7. Kyle Kelly, Regal Plastics	14		
	16	8. Tucker Howard, Building Champions	13		
Kyle Clifton, UMB Bank Clarke O'Dowd, Milgram Mustangs	9	8. Nathan Reuter, Midwest Orioles	13		
2. Thomas Conaway, MSBL Royals	9	8. Ryan Lasneske, Milgram Mustangs	13		
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KC SportsClub Blues	8	0		
Milgram Mustangs	9	2	0.5	
UMB Bank	8	3	1.5	
Seaboard	5	1	2.0	
Kansas City A's	4	3	3.5	
MSBL Royals	6	6	4.0	
NKC Apts.	5	5	4.0	
BJ Raiders	4	4	4.0	
Building Champions	5	6	4.5	
Natural Baseball	3	4	4.5	
Regal Plastics	3	6	5.5	
MidAmeriCare Nationals	2	6	6.0	
KC Barnstormers	1	7	7.0	
Bandits	1	7	7.0	
Midwest Orioles	1	8	7.5	

Notes from around the league

Players taken in draft

There were three Ban Johnson League players taken in the MLB First-Year Player Draft in June.

Pitcher **Ryne Stanek**, who was on the Building Champions roster in 2010, was the 29th pick overall in the draft by Tampa Bay. Stanek played three years at Arkansas.

He was drafted in the third round in 2010 by Seattle after graduation from Blue Valley High School.

Pitcher Lee Ridenhour was picked by the Twins in 2008 when he graduated from Shawnee Mission West. This year the Austin Peay, JCCC and Kansas pitcher was picked in the 16th round by the Phillies. He played for the Midwest Orioles in 2011 and 2012.

Logan Gray, Rockhurst High School shortstop, was taken in the 25th round by the Royals. He plays for Building Champions.

All-Star game is July 21

The BJ All-Star Game is set for July 21 at Kauffman Stadium.

The game will be played prior to the Royals-Tigers game.

Look for more details in the future issues of the Beacon.

Bell in College World Series

NKC Apartments pitcher/first baseman **Evan Bell** is playing for Indiana in the College World Series.

The freshman from Blue Valley High School posted a 1-0 record with an ERA of 3.41 for the Hoosiers in the regular season.

Spring player honors

There are a number of Ban Johnson League players that achieved honors for their college or high school in the spring.

Here is a look at some those honors reported

to the Beacon:

(We will have more in a future issue of the Beacon).

- * Building Champions shortstop **Logan Gray** was a first team Missouri All-State utility player for Rockhurst High School.
- * Building Champions pitcher Colin Frederick was a second team Class 5A pitcher for Blue Valley Southwest.
- * Building Champions utility player **Kyle Stonestreet** was All-Sunflower League for Shawnee Mission West.
- * Building Champions outfielder **Tucker Howard** an All-East Kansas League honorable mention pick for Blue Valley North.
- * Building Champions shortstop **Jackson Schnurbusch** was an All-Conference shortstop for Lee's Summit West.
- * Natural Baseball Academy infielder **Bobby Wernes** was a NJCAA Juco World Series participant for Neosho County CC. He was a All-Jayhawk Conference first team pick and an NJCAA All-Region VI second team pick.



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June 7

NKC Apartments 4, Building Champions 1

Trent Lunsford went three-for-three with a double and an RBI and Jordan Eckley was twof-for-four.

UMB Bank 13 KC Barnstormers 1 (5)

Kirk Pruitt was two-for-three.

KC SportsClub Blues 7, MSBL Royals 5

The Blues scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth to overome a 5-3 deficit.

Adam Valencia was two-for-four with two RBIs and Zach Stinnett, one-for-one with two RBIs.

Milgram Mustangs 11 MidAmericare Nationals 0 (5)

JD Weyer was two-for-four with two RBIs and Marvin Fight, two-for-three with an RBI.

Milgram Mustangs 2, MidAmericare Nationals 1

Both teams had three hits each.

Samuel Morman went two-for-three.

Matt Richie went the distance in surrendering just three hits, fanning 10 and walking one.

KC SportsClub Blues 2, MSBL Royals 1

The winning run scored in the top of the fifth on a balk.

CJ Faddis was three-for-three.

UMB Bank 8 Barnstormers 3

UMB scored all its runs in the bottom of the last three innings.

Kyle Clifton was two-for-three with a double and two RBIs and

Daniel Kralicek two-for-three with a triple and three RBIs.

NKC Apartments 4, Building Champions 2

Mitchell Osborn went three-for-three with a double and an RBI.

David Reese gave up one earned run, two hits and nine strikeouts and no walks.

June 9

Bandits 4, NKC Apartments 3

Bandits trailed 3-0 and the game was tied at 3-3 in bottom of the seventh.

Gabriel Greenbaum's single to center scored the winning run.

Natural Baseball Academy 5, Midwest Orioles 0

Joshua Zach went two-for-three with a double and three RBIs. **Nathan Miller** got the victory with 1 2/3-innings of hitless relief.

Milgram Mustangs 8, MSBL Royals 4

The Mustangs scored seven runs in the first three innings.

Clarke O'Dowd was two-for-three with a double, triple and RBI and Samuel Morman went one-for-two with two RBIs.

MSBL Royals 5, Milgram Mustangs 3

The Royals scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth to erase a 3-1 deficit.

Thomas Conway went two-for-three.

Natural Baseball Academy 6, Midwest Orioles 2

Ian Robinson went two-for-three with an RBI and JT Core was two-for-three with two RBIs.

NKC Apartments 9, Bandits 5

Pat Burns went three-for-four with two RBIs.

June 11

UMB Bank 11, BJ Raiders 6

Kyle Clifton was three-for-four with a double, homer and two RBIs and **Kirk Pruitt**, one-for-three with a homer and three RBIs.

Milgram Mustangs 11, Building Champions 1 (5)

The Mustangs pounded out 15 hits.

Jordan Miller was three-for-three; **Zac Shaw**, two-for-four with two doubles and two RBIs and **Clarke O'Dowd**, two-for-three with a double and two RBIs.

KC A's 3, KC Barnstomers 1

The A's overcame five errors.

Brett Bearden was two-for-three with an RBI.

KC Barnstormers 4, KC A's 3

Andrew Ramirez's two-out two RBI double in the bottom of the seventh gave the Barnstormers their first victory of the season.

NKC Apartments 7, Regal Plastics 5

NKC pushed across three runs in the top of the seventh for the win.

Ethan Smith went two-for-four with a double and two RBIs and **Patrick Burns** was two-for-two.

NKC Apartments 6, Regal Plastics 5

NKC scored six runs in the bottom of the third and held on.

Poncho Amaya and Nate Goff were each two-for-three.

Milgram Mustangs 12, Building Champions 7

Spencer Booe went two-for-two with two doubles and four RBIs and **Clarke O'Dowd** was two-for-three with a double and RBI.

UMB Bank 9, BJ Raiders 2

Kyle Clifton went three-for-four with a double, home run and five RBIs.

June 12

KC SportsClub Blues 10, Natural Baseball Academy 0 (5)
Aric Valencia went two-for-three with double and three RBIs
and Wade Hanna was three-for-three with an RBI.

MSBL Royals 13, Midwest Orioles 0 (5)

Thomas Conaway was two-for-three with two RBIs and Cale Dineen, one-for-two with three RBIs.

MSBL Royals 4, Midwest Orioles 2

Brandon Huske went two-for-two and Patrick Swan, two-for-three with two RBIs.

KC SportsClub Blues 6, Natural Baseball Academy 2

Wade Hanna was two-for-two with a double and three RBIs.

June 13

Milgram Mustangs 20 Bandits 2 (6)

The Mustangs scored 12 runs in the sixth innings.

Samuel Morman was two-for-four with a double, triple and an RBI, while **Samuel Janet** was two-for-four with a double and two RBIs.

Milgram Mustangs 8, Bandits 3

Clarke O'Dowd was two-for-four with a double and three RBIs.

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BJ Raiders 7, NKC Apartmens 6

The Raiders scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh for the victory.

Ryan Ford was two-for-four with two RBIs.

BJ Raiders 1, NKC Apartments 0

The Raiders scored the lone run in the game in the top of the seventh.

Jacob Dahlgren went the distance, scattering four hits, fanning four and walking two.

June 14

Building Champions 3, MidAmericare Nationals 2 (8)

The winning run scored in the bottom of the eighth on a wild pitch.

Victor Brancato was three-for-four.

Kansas City A's 3, UMB Bank 1

Horace Johnson was one-for-three with a two-run homer.

Seaboard 4, KC Barnstormers 1

Braden Brown went three-for-three with an RBI.

MidAmericare Nationals 13, Building Champions 9

Austen Boyer went three-for-four with a double, triple and five RBIs.

Regal Plastics 5, Midwest Orioles 3

Matthew Stacks was one-for-four with a double and three RBIs while Marcus Gates was three-for-three with a double and an RBI.

Regal Plastics 4, Midwest Orioles 1

John Christopher was two-for-three with a double and two RBIs. **Logan Moose** went the distance and didn't allow an earned run. He gave up three hits, walked one and fanned six.

Seaboard 3, KC Barnstormers 2

Winning run scored in top of seventh. **Timothy Lewis** was two-for-two with a double and two RBIs.

UMB Bank 2, Kansas City A's 1 (8)

The winning run scored in the top of the eighth on a single by **Daniel Kralicek**. He went two-for-four for the game.

June 16

Building Champions 12, MSBL Royals 6

The winners scored seven runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Branden Martinkus was two-for-four with a double, triple and five RBIs and Miles Orschein went three-for-four with an RBI.

Building Champions 2, MSBL Royals 1

Billy Maloney was one-for-four with an RBI.

UMB Bank 8, Regal Plastics 3

Jacob Smith went one-for-four with three RBIs and **Blake Peterson** was one-for-three with a double and two RBIs.

UMB Bank 7, Regal Plastics 6

UMB scored six runs in the bottom of the second and then just held on.

Kyle Clifton was four-for-four with a double and two RBIs. Regal's **Zach Bradford** was two-for-three with two doubles.



SURE HANDED - Dylan Hanson, KC SportsClub Blues first baseman, stops a fourth inning BJ Raider rally in first of two games June 18 at Missouri 3&2. Offensively, Hanson had one hit and drove in two runs.

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* There is a movement here in the greater Kansas City area to get legendary Kansas City Royals' second baseman Frank White into the MLB Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY.

The slick fielding White has not come close to enough votes to make it into the Hall, but that hasn't stop a petition movement here in Kansas City.

White played for Feld Chevrolet in the Ban Johnson League.

The website is frankwhiteforthehalloffame.com. There is a petition that fans can sign.

* Jeff Cornell was inducted into the Midwest Scouts Hall of Fame in December of 2012.

The induction came at the organization's annual dinner at Kauffman Stadium.

He scouts for the Rays and played for Guys in the Ban Johnson League.

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* Teacher and pupil met in the semifinals of the Kansas Class 6A state tournament in May.

The teacher was Blue Valley West coach Bill McDonald, while the pupil was Blue Valley coach Tony Scardino.

BV West won the game 2-0 and went on to beat Olathe South 8-0 to win the state championship.

McDonald's Jaguars didn't allow a run in the three state tournament games.

McDonald started the baseball program at Shawnee Mission South in 1974 and Scardino was one of his players.

Scardino was an assistant coach for McDonald until taking the Blue Valley job this past school year.

McDonald was a pitcher for Katz in the BJ n the early 60s. One of his coaches was legendary Ban Johnson League manager Pat Nolan.

Scardino played for Butternut Bread in the BJ and manager Carl Blando. He played 1977-1979 in the league.

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Alumni Corner presented by Moe Lago Shelley achieves coaching honor

Kent Shelley, who has been the Johnson County Community College head baseball coach for the past 26 years, was inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Hall of Fame in ceremonies in Chicago on Jan. 4.

Shelley, who had a record of 759-476-1 record going into the 2013 season, played in Ban Johnson League for Kansas City Life.

Many of his JCCC players have played in the Ban Johnson League down through the years.

"Being inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in Chicago, was a wonderful and exciting experience for me," he said. "This honor wasn't about me but about the players, assistant coaches, administration and staff and my family.

"I was blessed in Chicago to have in attendance with me, 25 of my family, friends, former players and assistant coaches, my president and his wife as well as my current assistant coaches. It was great having them in Chicago to share in this most wonderful honor and to take part in the ceremony."

The former catcher for Pratt Community College and the University of Kansas remembers his days in the Ban Johnson League.

Shelley was a catcher for Kansas City Life in 1979 and 1980.

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How did he get involved with the Ban Johnson League?

"I was playing at the University of Kansas when coach **John Renko** came calling. I remember that the Ban Johnson League for fielding highly competitive teams and giving an opprotunity for college age kids a place to continue honing their fundamentals and skills."

Shelley was pleased with the coaching he received in the Ban Johnson League.

"I had a great manager in **John Stipetich**," he said. "He had assembled a great staff of assistant coaches who continued to work with me both offensively as well as helping me to grow as a catcher.

"My teammates were a great group of guys who respected the game, who enjoyed playing together and just loved the game of baseball."

What is his greatest memory of his two years in the Ban Johnson League?

"I was selected as an Ban Johnson League All-Star and playing in Kauffman Stadium and representing KC Life," he said. "I also remember taking a little heat from the great, George Toma, for my uniform because it looked like the Oakland A's back then."



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Rain and the early leaders

The team hasn't fared well with the weather playing just six games through June 17.

"We have only played six games because of the weather so haven't had a large sample size by any means," manager Will Meier said. "In those games, we have had a good mix of starting pitching with some efficient offense to produce enough runs. I would say that our defense has definitely been a key to limiting our opponents' scoring as well. We hope to continue this formula as the season progresses."

Meier mentioned second baseman Braden Brown, outfielder Tim Lewis and first baseman Zach Girrens.

The Milgram Mustangs are in the middle of the race, having played 11 games through

Manager **Kevin Shaw** said that the Mustangs are loose and having a lot of fun in the early going.

They were 9-2 in games through June 18. Clarke O'Dowd, Zac Shaw and Spencer **Booe** were among the hitting leaders while pitchers Ryan Lasneske and Matt Richie are among the pitching leaders.