NORTHEAST BASEBALL LEAGUE HISTORY

1969 - 2007

My name is Glen Crooker and I am the current Northeast Baseball League Commissioner. I am from Stoneham and have been Coaching the Stoneham Team since 1985. I first started Coaching in Stoneham Little League in 1973. Since then I have been on a trip that at this point I could write a book. Stories that I am always telling my ballplayers every year in hopes to motivate them, build their confidence and help them mature into good if not great baseball players. I am not an expert when it comes to teaching baseball, but have had many Coaches, Hitting instructors, and Pitching instructors along the way, that with their expert advise, been able to pass this on to my ballplayers. Some of the people who have helped me played Pro ball, or are Collage Coaches and High School Coaches. I saw 4 kids from Stoneham sign pro contracts, and several kids get baseball scholarships to play Collage Baseball.

From the way I understand the purpose of this League, every city and town who enter a team in our league are playing the kids who basically

make up next years High School Varsity Team. The League originated back in 1969, and was organized by the Wakefield High School Varsity Coach - Larry McShane, and our first League Commissioner, George E Koulouris. From what people tell me George Koulouris was the major influence and did all the organizational work. There were 4 teams in 1969 and it appears they were Coached by that towns varsity coach mostly, and some other people who worked with the High School Coaches: Lynnfield, Reading, Stoneham and Wakefield.

Their team was next springs High School Team. The word, unofficially was, "If you do not play for me on the summer team, do not plan

on playing for me on the High School Varsity Team next spring!" When the word was out, there were many cities and towns that wanted to

get involved so as time went on it was decided to set up 2 divisions. Some teams were too far to travel to, so at first teams only played other teams in their own division. Then a playoff format was set up to cross over to the other division and play a 2 out of 3 series to determine League Champions. 1970, It was Melrose, Reading, Stoneham and Wakefield.

1971, The word among High School Coaches was out, and they wanted to put a team in the League. 9 Teams were established, Bedford,

Burlington, Medford, Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Wilmington, and Winchester.

1972, Coaches in the Merrimack Valley League wanted to get in the League. So it was decided to have 2 divisions, the North and the

South. 14 teams were in the League, Bedford, Burlington, Chelmsford, Everett, Lowell, Lynnfield, Medford, Melrose, Reading, Stoneham,

Tewksbury, Wakefield, Wilmington and Winchester.

1973, The League had 16 teams, Bedford, Billerica, Chelmsford, Everett, Lowell, Lexington, Lynnfield, Melrose, Nashua NH, Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Wilmington, Winchester, Tewksbury, and Dracut.

1974, Bedford, Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Everett, Lexington, Lowell, Lynnfield, Melrose, Nashua NH, Stoneham, Wakefield, Wilmington, Winchester, Tewkbury.

1975, Andover, Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Everett, Lexington, Lowell, Lynnfield, Melrose, Wakefield, Westford, Wilmington, Winchester.

1976, Andover, Bedford, Belmont, Billerica, Burlington, Chelmsford, Concord, Dracut, Everett, Lowell, Melrose, Wakefield, Wilmington, Winchester, Westford.

1977, Andover, Bedford, Belmont, Burlington, Chelmsford, Concord, Dracut, Everett, Lowell, Reading, Wakefield, Westford, Wilmington, Winchester.

1978, Burlington, Chelmsford, Dracut, Lowell, Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Wilmington.

1979, Burlington, Chelmsford, Dracut, Everett, Lowell, Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Wilmington.

1980, Burlington, Chelmsford, Dracut, Everett, Lynnfield, Lowell, Reading, Wakefield, Wilmington, Winchester.

1983, Billerica, Burlington, Chelmsford, Dracut, Lowell, North Reading, Lynnfield, Reading, Wakefield, Wilmington, Winchester, Woburn

1986 Northeast Baseball League

North Division

- Burlington George DiMattia, Jim Curtin
- Chelmsford Ken Duane, Tim Tiches
- Dracut Hank Golec, Steve Williams
- Tewksbury Guy Mader, Dave Lindsey, John Miller
- Westford Larry Cormier
- Wilmington Dick Scanlon

South Division

- Lynnfield Kevin Canty
- Reading Pete Moscariello
- Stoneham Bill Seabury, Arthur Hartung, Glen Crooker
- Wakefield Bill Parr, Joe D'Agostino

- Winchester Larry Crowley, Bill Chase
- Woburn Dan Canada, Bill Lewis, Dave Crowley

North Division Director Hank Golec
North Div Umpire in Chief Andy Cohen

South Division Director Bill Parr

South Div Umpire in Chief Frank Tarasuk

League Commissioner George E Koulouris

1987, Andover, Arlington, Burlington, Chelmsford, Dracut, Lynnfield, Melrose, Methuen, Reading, Stoneham, Tewksbury, Wakefield, Westford, Wilmington, Winchester, Woburn.

1989 Northeast Baseball League North Division

- Andover Dave Bettencourt
- Burlington George D Mattia, Jim Curtin
- Chelmsford Ken Duane
- Dracut Hank Golec, Rick McElhinney
- Lowell George Cunha, Mark Chandler
- North Reading Len Luizza, Ray Landry, Kevin Brown
- Tewksbury Jim Mackey, Tom Cooke, Guy Mader
- Wilmington Dick Scanlon, Jim Moynihan

South Division

- Burlington Len Orsini, Jim Curtin
- Lynnfield Kevin Canty, Joe White
- Melrose Charles Bleiler, Dick Brown, Bob Wentzell
- Reading Greg Bernard, Pete Moscariello
- Stoneham Glen Crooker, Bill Seabury
- Wakefield Tom Coughlin, Dave Flanagan
- Winchester Ed Whelan, Rob Mistretta, William Chase
- Woburn Dan Canada, Bill Lewis, Sam Miele

North Division Director Ken Duane
North Div Umpire in Chief Andy Cohen

South Division Director Bill Parr
South Div Umpire in Chief Fran Tarasuk

League Commissioner George E Koulouris

1992 Northeast Baseball League South Division

Burlington	Len Orsini, Jim Curtin	
Lynnfield	Joe White, Alan Esbitt	
North Andover	David Walsh, Paul Theberge	
North Reading	Len Liuzza, Frank Carey	
Reading	Mike McKenna, Pete Moscariello	
Stoneham	Glen Crooker, Bill Seabury	
Wakefield	Vinnie Campanella, Scott Rawson	
South Division Director	Bill Parr	
South Div Umpire in Chief	Ralph Fiore	
League Commissioner	Ken Duane	

1995 Northeast Baseball League North Division

Billerica	Ed Smith	
Central	Leo Shaughnessy,	
	Larry Rossi	

Chelmsford	Ken Duane, Jack Wholey	
Dracut	Tim Woods	
Lowell	Mark Chandler	
North Andover	Al Perry	
Tewksbury	Roy Patterson	

South Division

Burlington	Ed Malatesta, Jim Curtin	
Lynnfield	Joe McManus	
North Reading	Paul Cerrone, Chris Conroy	
Reading	Gary D'Entremont, Pete Moscariello	
Stoneham	Glen Crooker	
Wakefield	Bill Dwyer, Dennis Bisso	
Wilmington	Rob Patterson, Dick Gillis, Dick Scanlon	
South Division Director	Bill Parr	
League Commissioner	Ken Duane	

2004 Northeast Baseball League North Division

Andover	Frank Foley	
Chelmsford	Ken Duane	
Dracut	Bill Ducharme	
Greater Lowell Voc	Steve Botto	

Haverhill	Larry Obrien	
Lowell	Tom Boyle	
Tewksbury	Jim Dragon	
Westford	Mike Dellorso	

South Division

Billerica	Joe Higgins, Ernie Rahn	
Burlington	Dave Castellano	
Lynnfield	Nick Peters	
North Reading	Marco Vittozzi	
Stoneham	Glen Crooker	
Wakefield	Bill Smeglin	
Wilmington	Jim Buck	
Woburn	Ryan Greene	
South Division Director	Glen Crooker	
South Div Umpire in Chief	Harry Nelson	
North Div Umpire in Chief	Hank Golec	
League Commissioner	Ken Duane	

2005 Northeast Baseball League North Division

Chelmsford	Bobby Byrne

Dracut	Dennis Kennedy	
Greater Lowell Voc	Steve Botto	
Haverhill	Dan Francescone	
Lowell	Tom Boyle	
Tewksbury	Jim Dragon	
Westford	Mike Dellorso	

South Division

Billerica	Joe Higgins
	Ernie Rahn
Burlington	Jim Curtin
North Reading	Marco Vittozzi
Stoneham	Glen Crooker
Wakefield	Bill Smeglin
Wilmington	Jim Buck
Woburn	Ryan Greene
North Division Director	Ken Duane
North Div Umpire in Chief	Hank Golec
South Div Umpire in Chief	Ed Lynch
League Commissioner	Glen Crooker

NORTHEAST LEAGUE PLAYOFF PAIRINGS C denotes League Champion

1st Series, 1st Place Team Plays 2nd Place Team in other Division, Winners of the Series Plays in the Finals.

Year	North Div	South Div	Finals
1972	Lowell	Wakefield	Lowell -C
1973	1st Lowell	1st Lynnfield	Lynnfield -C
	2nd Dracut	2nd Wakefield	Wakefield
1974	1st Lowell	1st Woburn	Lowell -C
	2nd Dracut	2nd Wakefield	Woburn
1975	1st Dracut	1st Lexington	Dracut -C
	2nd Lowell	2nd Wakefield	Lowell
1976	1st Dracut	1st Wakefield	Dracut -C
	2nd Chelmsford	2nd Burlington	Chelmsford
1977	1st Chelmsford	1st Burlington	Burlington -C
	2nd Lowell	2nd Wakefield	Chelmsford
1978	1st Chelmsford	1st Reading	Chelmsford -C
	2nd Dracut	2nd Everett	Reading
1979	1st Chelmsford	1st Reading	Everett -C
	2nd Wilmington	2nd Everett	Chelmsford
1980	1st Chelmsford	1st Reading	Reading -C
	2nd Wilmington	2nd Winchester	Chelmsford
1981	1st Chelmsford	1st Winchester	Chelmsford -C
	2nd Lowell	2nd Reading	Lowell
1982	1st Chelmsford	1st Wakefield	Reading - C
	2ND Billerica	2nd Reading	Billerica
1983	1st Chelmsford	1st Reading	Chelmsford -C
	2nd Billerica	2nd Lynnfield	Billerica
1984	1st Burlington	1st Reading	Burlington -C
	2nd Wilmington	2nd Lynnfield	Reading
1985	1st Chelmsford	1st Wakefield	Burlington -C
	2nd Burlington	2nd Woburn	Chelmsford
1986	1st Chelmsford	1st Woburn	Chelmsford -C
	2nd Tewksbury	2nd Stoneham	Woburn
1987	1st Chelmsford	1st Reading	Chelmsford -C
	2nd Burlington	2nd Winchester	Burlington
1988	1st Tewksbury	1st Reading	Tewksbury -C

	2nd Methuen	2nd Stoneham	Reading
1989	1st Chelmsford	1st Winchester	Chelmsford -C
	2nd Tewksbury	2nd Burlington	Tewksbury
1990	1st Billerica	1st Lynnfield	Chelmsford -C
	2nd Chelmsford	2nd Winchester	Billerica
1991	1st Chelmsford	1st North Reading	Chelmsford -C
	2nd Billerica	2nd Reading	Billerica
1992	1st Chelmsford	1st Stoneham	Lowell -C
	2nd Lowell	2nd North Andover	North Andover
1993	1st Chelmsford	1st Reading	Lowell -C
	2nd Lowell	2nd North Reading	Chelmsford
1994	1st Chelmsford	1st Reading	Chelmsford -C
	2nd Lowell	2nd Stoneham	Lowell
1995	1st Chelmsford	1st Reading	Stoneham -C
	2nd Lowell	2nd Stoneham	Reading
1996	1st Chelmsford	1st Burlington	Chelmsford -C
	2nd Lowell	2nd Stoneham	Lowell
1997	1st Chelmsford	1st Reading	Reading -C
	2nd Lowell	2nd Stoneham	Chelmsford
1998	1st Lowell	1st North Andover	Lowell -C
	2nd Billerica	2nd North Reading	Billerica
1999	1st Lowell	1st Reading	Lowell -C
	2 nd Chelmsford	2nd North Andover	Reading
2000	1st Chelmsford	1st Reading	Reading -C
	2nd Lowell	2nd North Andover	Chelmsford
2001	1st Chelmsford	1st Reading	Reading -C
	2nd Andover	2nd Wakefield	Wakefield
2002	1st Lowell	1st Reading	Lowell -C
	2nd Chelmsford	2nd North Reading	Chelmsford
2003	1st Haverhill	1st Reading	Haverhill -C
	2nd Chelmsford	2nd North Reading	Lowell
2004	1st Haverhill	1st Stoneham	Chelmsford -C
	2nd Chelmsford	2nd North Reading	Haverhill
2005	1st Chelmsford	1st North Reading - tie	Billerica -C
	2nd Westford	1st Billerica -tie	North Reading
2006	1st Lowell	1st North Reading	Wilmington -C
	2nd Chelmsford	2nd Wilmington	North Reading

FOR THE RECORD BOOK

League Champions since inception of two divisions, 35 Years

Chelmsford - 11

Lowell - 7

Reading - 5

Burlington - 3

Dracut - 2

Everett - 1

Tewksbury - 1

Lynnfield - 1

Stoneham - 1

Haverhill - 1

Billerica - 1

Wilmington - 1

FOR THE RECORD

There were 16 All North Division Final Championship Series
There were 5 All South Division Final Championship Series

And there were 14 North vs. South Final Championship Series

Division Champions since 2 Division Format

Chelmsford - 21 Reading - 16 Lowell - 7 Wakefield - 4 Burlington - 3 North Reading - 3 (1 co - champ) Dracut -2 Haverhill - 2 Lynnfield - 2 Winchester - 2 Woburn - 2 Stoneham - 2 Billerica - 2 (1 co - champ) Tewksbury - 1 North Andover - 1 Lexington - 1

FOR THE RECORD

- 1. Wakefield made the playoffs 6 years in a row, 1972 1977, did not win a League title.
- 2. Dracut was the first team to win 2 Championships in a row, 1975 & 1976.
- 3. Chelmsford won the North Division Title 7 years in a row, 1977 1983. They made the playoffs 8 straight years, 1976 1983.
 - 4. Reading made the playoffs 7 straight years.
 - 5. Burlington was the second team to win back to back League Championships. 1984 & 1985.
 - 6. Chelmsford was the third team to win back to back League
 Championships. 1986 & 1987.
 - 7. Chelmsford was the only team to win 3 consecutive League Championships. 1989, 1990, & 1991.

- 8. Lowell won back to back League Championships 2 times, 1992 & 1993, 1998 & 1999.
- 9. Chelmsford went to the playoffs 9 years in a row, 1989 1997. They also won the North Division Title 7 years in a row 1991 1997.
- 10. Reading won South Division Title 5 years in a row, 1999 2003. They also won 2 consecutive League Titles in 2000 and 2001.
- 11. North Reading has a current streak of making the playoffs 5 years in a row. 2002 2006.

Teams that have made Playoff Appearances since 2 Divisions were set up.

Chelmsford - 27

Reading - 19

Lowell - 18

Wakefield - 9

North Reading - 8

Stoneham - 8

Burlington - 7

Billerica - 6

Dracut - 5

Winchester - 5

Lynnfield - 4

North Andover - 4

Wilmington - 4

Tewksbury - 3

Woburn - 3

Haverhill - 2

Everett - 2

Andover - 1

Lexington - 1 Methuen - 1

Westford -1

NORTHEAST LEAGUE ALLSTAR GAMES

North Division has 18 Wins - South Division has 11 Wins - 1 Tie

1975	at Wakefield	Winner - North
1976	at Lowell	Winner - North
1977	at Burlington	Winner - South
1978	No Game - 1 Division	
1979	No Game - 1 Division	
1980	at Lowell	Winner - South
1981	at Lowell	Winner - South
1982	at Wakefield	Winner - South
1983	at Lowell	Winner - North
1984	at Wakefield	Winner - South
1985	at Burlington	Winner - Tie
1986	at Wakefield	Winner - South
1987	at Melrose	Winner - South
1988	at Melrose	Winner - North
1989	at Melrose	Winner - North
1990	at Melrose	Winner - North
1991	at Chelmsford	Winner - North
1992	at Wakefield	Winner - South
1993	at Lowell	Winner - North
1994	at Wakefield	Winner - North
1995	at Wilmington	Winner - North
1996	at Wilmington	Winner - North

1996 South Division Allstar Team

Jamie Saccardo - Lynnfield	Jason Little - Stoneham
Nate Hummer - Lynnfield	JP Norden - Stoneham
Scott Myette - North Reading	Ryan Nolan - Stoneham
Brian Delano - North Reading	PJ Heffernan - Wilmington
Tom Carlson - Burlington	Phil Bates - Wilmington
Jamie Doherty - Burlington	Scott Swiezynski - Wilmington
Jim Gray - Reading	Tim Guthrie - North Andover
Dan Foley - Reading	Petros Volgaris - North Andov.

1996 North Division Allstar Team

Sean Conway - Dracut	Matt Lelacheur - Lowell
Dave Halligan - Dracut	Jeff Driscoll - Lowell
Todd Littlefield - Chelmsford	Nick Nugent - Hudson, NH
Graham Walsh - Chelmsford	PJ McCoy - Hudson, NH
Kevan Kivlan - Chelmsford	Rich Bertolucci - Billerica
Adam McCusker - Chelmsford	Jason Pearl - Billerica
Jarrett Fay - Chelmsford	Mike Scanlon - Littleton
Nate Linstad - Chelmsford	Bill Camp - Littleton
Alex Lelless - Westford	Tom Ryan - Tewksbury
Todd Littlefield - Tewksbury	Nick Amato - Tewksbury
Tim Sullivan - Tewksbury	

1997	at Wilmington	Winner - North
1998	at Wilmington	Winner - North
1999	at Lowell	Winner - North
2000	at Wilmington	Winner - South
2001	at Wilmington	Winner - North
2002	at Wakefield	Winner - North
2003	at Haverhill	Winner - North
2004	at Wilmington	Winner - South

JULY 10, 2004 NORTHEAST LEAGUE ALLSTAR GAME @ WILMINGTON 2004 North Division Allstar Team

Jon DeLeo - Andover	Mark Davis - Tewksbury
Joe Gill - Andover	Jeff Little - Tewksbury
Matt Novaco - Chelmsford	David Kiloski - Lowell
Chris O'Neil - Chelmsford	Mike McCormack - Lowell
Mike Roberts - Chelmsford	Dan Noel - Lowell
Jamie Durkin - Dracut	Tim Stronach - Haverhill
Corey Pare - Dracut	Steve Watson - Haverhill
Dave Brady - Greater Lowell Voc	Tom Gagnon - Westford
Brian Higgins - Greater Lowell Voc	Wilder Parks - Westford

2004 South Division Allstar Team

Matt Hoag - Billerica	Anthony Saco - Stoneham
John Sholl - Billerica	Aaron Feinberg - Stoneham
Mike Miller - Burlington	James Palmer - Stoneham

Kevin Distaso - North Reading	Taylor Vonkriegenberg - Stone
Andrew Mucciarone - North Reading	Andrew Warden - Wakefield
Sam Hummer - Lynnfield	Michael Crusco - Wakefield
Jesse Bruinsma - Lynnfield	Ken Luongo - Wilmington
John O'Donnell - Woburn	Sean Murphy - Wilmington
Eric Davis - Woburn	

2005	at Haverhill	Winner- North
2006	at Wilmington	Winner - South

FOR THE RECORD;

In all the years as a Coach here in Stoneham I have never seen a player hit for the cycle, Single, Double, Triple, Homerun. At this game Stoneham's Jimmy Palmer hit the cycle as shown in the score book page attached.

Jimmy Palmer, at Chelmsford 2004

Jimmy I believe is the only player to ever hit for the cycle in a Northeast League Allstar Game.