

Monte Irvin Baseball champs crowned

The Orange Monte Irvin Youth Baseball League began its playoff games on June 7, continuing during the week, with the championship games on June 11.

Major League playoffs

Greys 17, Barons 2: Shemar Williams delivered seven strikeouts and three walks in a four-inning game. Kwesi Adu-Diawuo and Jordan Rivera both had a single and two runs scored; Jared Tigges had a single, RBI and one run scored and Henley Desir hit a home run.

Eagles 8, Crawfords 5: Rashawn Nichols was pitching a no-hitter in the fourth inning, and scored two runs and had an RBI. Curtis Lynch had an RBI and a run scored, and Christian Walker, Jayden Holmes, Erick Polomeque and Nelson Mosque also scored.

Olivier Jeudy had two runs scored, and Tashawn Shivers, Darius Terrel and Larnell Hurd also scored runs.

Minor League playoffs

Cuban Stars 9, Royal Giants 4: Brandon Parkin and Ezequiel Mosque each smacked doubles to the wall to help power the Stars' offense, combining for four RBI. David Johnson Guzman turned in another fine pitching performance and fanned seven batters through three innings. Mosque pitched the last two innings and gave up a few hits to the Giants' sluggers, but in the end, his fastball was too much to overcome.

Red Caps 11, Grey Sox 10: The Greys' Nahome Hagos had two singles, two RBI, one double and one run scored; Cordell King and Elijah Dunbar both had an RBI and two runs scored; Julien Harris had two runs scored; Jared Goodman had an RBI, single and one run scored; Tyree Reese had an RBI and a run scored; and Omar Ramirez had a single for the Greys.

The Red Caps were led by Xai-ver Bell with two singles and three runs scored; Gavin Moses with two singles and two runs scored; Jeremy Smallwood with two singles and one run scored; and LaQuan Quilliams with one single and three runs scored.

T-Ball

ABC's vs. Sox
Buckeyes vs. American Giants

Major League Championship

The Homestead Greys, under head coach John Augusta and assistant coach Bryan Tigges, finished off a strong playoff run by beating the Newark Eagles, 11-5.

Christian Chavis limited the Eagles to three hits and three walks in a six-inning game. Dazire Stewart, Jayden Rivera, Christopher Hernandez and Darnell Appah all had two runs scored. Kwesi Adu-Diawuo had two singles and two runs scored and Henley Desir also scored.

Nelson Mosque had two singles and a home run, and Nathan Barnett and Jayden Holmes also scored for

the Eagles, who played a great game.

Minor League championship

The reigning Minor League Champion Cuban Stars defended their crown mightily by shutting out the Red Caps by the score of 10-0 to complete their undefeated season.

After getting off to a rocky start in the top of the first, MVP and starting pitcher David Johnson Guzman struck out eight batters in the one-hit effort to keep the Caps at bay.

Red Caps pitcher Xavier Bell threw a fine game in the loss, but the Stars' plate discipline was too much to overcome in the end.

Offensively for the Stars, Joshua Phillips scored three times to lead the attack. James Hunt scored twice and Ezequiel Mosque got the only hit to aid in the win.

Coach Brian D. Phillips said, "I'm very proud of our players. They worked hard, played hard and got a taste of success as a result."

T-Ball championship

The ABC's, under head coach Bernice Budhu and assistant coach Margues Bragg, beat the Buckeyes, 16-4, to win their third straight Monte Irvin Youth Baseball T-Ball championship to cap an undefeated season.

Overall, Monte Irvin Youth Baseball Commissioner Dianne Szczepanik praised all the teams for a great season and looks forward to another fine season next year.



The Homestead Greys, above, captured the Major League championship of the Monte Irvin Youth Baseball League. The Greys defeated the Newark Eagles in the final.



The Cuban Stars, above, defended their Minor League championship by defeating the Red Caps in the Orange Monte Irvin Youth Baseball League. Cuban Stars coach Brian D. Phillips said, "I'm very proud of our players. They worked hard, played hard and got a taste of success as a result."

EOCHS Youth Football Mini Camp is next week

By Joe Ragozzino
Sports editor

The East Orange Campus High School football program has enjoyed tremendous success in head coach Marion Bell's seven seasons.

The Jaguars have appeared in the playoffs five times in the past six seasons. In fact, the team advanced to the state North Jersey Section 1, Group 4 championship game in 2007 and 2009, beating Montclair in the former and losing to Roxbury in the latter.

The success invariably is attributed to the strong feeder system, which consists of the Rams, Junior Jaguars, Wildcats and Panthers programs on the Pop Warner level.

But during three days each summer, the youth and high school players join together to hone their skills.

The eighth annual East Orange Campus High

School Youth Football Mini Camp will take place July 12-14 at Robeson Stadium in East Orange from 6-8 p.m. each day.

The free camp is for children ages 8-18. There is no signup.

Bell said all one has to do is show up on those days.

Bell and his coaching staff, along with assistance from the Pop Warner coaches, will direct the camp.

Last year's camp drew 300 participants. Bell expects another strong turnout.

"I think it's a great way to keep the kids busy and keep them off the streets," said Bell.

The camp will involve drills on the fundamentals. The coaches also will give lectures on the importance of discipline. Bell is hoping to line up guest speakers as well.