

Allison League Headlines



The 2015 BAJA Senior Softball began after a brief ceremony with both leagues on Monday morning, January 5th 2015, at the Chuck Catino Softball Complex / Canoa Preserve County Park. BAJA Board member and web-master Jim Brewer threw out the first ceremonial pitch and Softball Commissioner Gary Anderson gave the command, "Play Ball". The 2015 season is dedicated "In Memory of Chuck Catino", who passed away this past autumn, with each team in both leagues proudly displaying the patch shown on the left on their team uniforms.

Monday, January 5

Morning Games – Premier Properties & Two Girls Pizzeria split opening double header

The first double header in the four-team Allison League pitted Premier Property against Two Girls Pizzeria. The property crew pounded 13-3 to dominate game one. Co-managers Steve Aiken and Jim Welsch had reasons to smile over their team of rookie draft picks. Tom Trecker (Mr. Franchise) batting 7-for-8, had three home runs and 6 RBI's in the two outings. Their other three rookies, John Cook went 5-for-6 with a homer, Jeff Hansen hit a double and two RBI's, and Jeff Davis went 3-for-3. Jim Brewer was 5-for-6 and Jim Cassidy was 4-for-4.



Jim Molson

Two Girls Pizza, looking bright in their cardinal color uniforms, battled back-and-forth to finally win game two 15-14 in extra innings. Pizza team managers Dave Ahner and Art Kaun were pleased with their BAJA rookies, Kelly Brown and Randy Drenning (6-for-7) who both hit and fielded well. Golf legend, Rich Malinowski took a bad hop grounder off his knee but still hit 6-for-7 for the day.

Afternoon Games – 3 ½ Happy Barbers & Hickey Automotive

Hickey Auto Leads League with Two Wins

Hickey Auto managers Craig Jackson and Lu Smith put together a solid team. New to BAJA, but not to softball, John Cole sent the ball over the right field fence for a three run homer in a 16-11 game-one domination of 3 ½ Happy Barbers. The Hickey defense held the opponents with three double plays and several beat-the-runner-to-the-base throws.

The Barber's manager Dennis Dion and outfielder Gary Anderson hit 3-for-3 in game two and pitcher Brian Kelley cracked his first-of-the-season home run in the 13-7 loss to the auto crew. Co-manager Greg Pettet, along with Russ Heneger, Craig Burgess and Norm Friedman, contributed four hits each for the Barbers in the double-header.



'Big Jim' McDaniel

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Wednesday, January 7

Morning Games – 3 ½ Happy Barbers & Two Girls Pizzeria split double header



Co-manager Dennis Dion

On the second day of the 2015 season, 3 ½ Happy Barbers enjoyed the sweet taste of victory in the early game 9-7 over Two Girls Pizza. Barber Brian Kelley doubled in the second inning and drove in two in the third with his 4-for-6 hitting for the day. Wally Rhodes had a perfect day at bat going 5-for-5 in the double header. Rookie Tim Weldon made his way to the ball field to play shortstop and hit 4-for-6 for as well. Manager Greg Pettet was good for four hits and Tom Hostad three hits to go along with delicious cookies provide courtesy of his wife. For Two Girls Pizza Craig Anderson and Kelly Brown hits doubles and pitcher Jim Molson and Dave Ahner had three hits each.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Two Girls Pizza was sparked by Gary Peelman and Perry Heath who had three hits each. Additional support came from Cal Hoffman, Randy Drenning, and John Schryver with a two hits apiece. 3 1/2 Happy Barbers were unable to locate their offense in game two. Tim Weldon scored their only run on a Wally Towne sac-fly in the second inning. The defensive battle ended with a 5-1 Two Girls Pizza win.

Afternoon Games – Hickey Automotive & Premier Properties split double header

The afternoon games on Wednesday both went into extra innings. Premier finally finished off Hickey in the 8th inning with a double play and a 13-11 win. Base hits were the key to this win as Jim Brewer, Jim Crowley, and Mike Hulse all hit 3-for-4 for the property crew.

The second game was another back-and-forth nail-biting event. John Cook's injury in the middle of the game ruffled Premier's lineup long enough for Hickey's 'Big Jim' McDaniel to give his team the 14-10 win with his three run homer late in the game. Premier's Tom Trecker hit 5-for-5 while Jim Cassidy and Jim Welsch went 3-for-4 in the losing effort.



Jim Cassidy

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Team	W	L	RF	RA	PCT	GB	
Hickey Automotive	3	1	54	41	.750	0	
Premier Properties	2	2	50	43	.500	1	
Two Girls Pizzeria	2	2	30	37	.500	1	
3 & 1/2 Happy Barbers	1	3	28	41	.250	2	