

ST. LOUIS METRO COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

2010 Metro League Playoffs

Seeding the Playoffs - July 7, 2010

Wildwood	15 - 5	
Ballwin	14 - 5	one suspended game (leading Alton 7 - 0 in the 8th)
Alton	11 - 8	two suspended games (tied w/ U City in 9th; behind Ballwin 7-0 in 8th)
St. Charles	11 - 8	one suspended game (<i>winning 7 - 5 in the eighth</i>)

The Battle for Seeding

The Shortened Season

We realized we had a growing problem in our league schedule by mid-season, when we were at 40% rainouts and four weeks left prior to the playoffs. With available field time down to almost nothing, we were forced to make a decision, so we opted to shorten the season (for the sake of championship seeding) to 21 games. The new format preserved a balanced schedule, which we felt was indispensable for fair and accurate seeding of the top four teams in our league. Under this new format, each team would play each of its opponents three times, instead of four. An added bonus of this arrangement was the removal of tie-breakers from the picture, as head-to-head results would settle any ties in the standings.

Seeds One and Two

As of this date, we know which two teams will occupy the top of the playoff bracket and which two teams will occupy the bottom ... we just don't know which order they will be in! Wildwood and Ballwin are coming down the stretch neck-and-neck, in what just might prove to be a photo finish.

Scott Goodrich's boys played a hard nine against the Dodgers Tuesday evening, pulling off a dramatic 10 - 9 win in a seasaw battle. The loss dropped Wildwood into a tie with Ballwin on the loss side of the standings. The Dodgers play tonight against U City at Washington University, while the Bandits host Bridgeton at Parkway South. Rain threatens to keep things suspenseful for a while but, assuming the games come off, we should have a good idea of where we stand in just a few hours.

Gus's squad will have completed their slate of games while Ballwin still awaits the conclusion of their suspended game with Alton on July fourteenth. Should the two teams finish with the same records, The Bandits would take the first seed by virtue of winning the season series versus Wildwood (2 - 1). In any event, either Wildwood / Ballwin or Ballwin / Wildwood will top the post-season bill.

Seeds Three and Four

Alton and St. Charles are locked up in a nice, little battle for the third seed. Alton has two suspended games yet to finish, one of which is tied 9 - 9 with U City; the other has them down 7 - 0 in the eighth against Ballwin. Certainly, anything can happen between two playoff teams, but smart money would predict a split in those two games, which would settle Alton's record at 12 - 9.

In the meantime, they just might get a little help from Ryan Davis and the Clayton Wasps, who are scheduled to square off with the Mules this evening at Missouri Baptist. A St. Charles loss could make things very interesting coming down the stretch. On the other hand, a St. Charles win tonight would put the pressure on Scott Turmail and the Indians to win out, since the Mules are ahead by two runs in their suspended game against U City. That game is scheduled to play on the thirteenth. Oh - just in case you were wondering, Alton holds the season series versus St. Charles, 3 - 0.

Don't touch that dial ...