

Letters etc.




Baseball Team Earns Right to Defend Championship

Dear Editor:

By virtue of a key 16-5 round robin series posting of Division 1 Regular Season Champions Derby/Ansonia, the Employers Reference Source/Café 68 Brewers vaulted into the semi-finals of the season ending League Championship Tournament. This victory set up a rematch between these same two teams in the semis with the Brew Crew emerging victorious once again, this time by an 11-3 margin.

The squad then prepared for a best two-of-three series for the league title against a deep and talented Milford team that combined its two regular season teams into one. This group represented Milford's Jonathan Law High School baseball team from the past season.

Beacon Falls/Prospect jumped ahead 2-0 in the top of the second inning during game one, only to see Milford counter with six unearned runs in the bottom of the second and go on to a 7-4 victory. In game two, Milford scored first and never looked back in a 9-1 victory to decisively claim the title. Though defending their title was not in the cards this season, the Brewers did enjoy yet another solid campaign in the Senior Babe Ruth circuit and made some noise at just the right time once again.

The seven returning players from last year's league champs who proved instrumental in leading the team this season included player/coach Ryan Matthews, who was responsible for reassembling the team and did a remarkable job managing the pitching staff and contributing starting line-up and various line-up changes throughout the season; Eric Turmel, Anthony Golebiewski, Jeff Temple, Corey Slapikas, Adam Robertson and Mike Stankus. Newcomers Kyle Dorosh, Jay Spiwak, Mike Commendatore and Chris Mullen were equally as dependable and efficient. Also giving their all when time permitted them to participate were newcomers John Matteis, Ryan Lewis, Justin

Famiglietti and Anthony Mascia, plus Ryan Zsiga who assumed the role of an immediate impact player once he concluded his Legion baseball season and was a rostered player for the Brew Crew to utilize at that point.

Finally, who could forget to mention the efforts put forth by our late season additions and incoming freshmen ballplayers at Woodland Regional High School, Kyle Georgia and Mike Diurno, plus incoming Holy Cross freshman Ryan Plourde and for one game, incoming Wolcott freshman Steve Catalina. These three players not only provided us with the manpower we needed to avoid potential forfeits during the round robin portion of the tourney, but they also courageously provided an eye-catching offensive and defensive spark as well when given the opportunity to showcase their talents.

The team, a true independent this particular season, would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way that they did. You know who you are and we are grateful for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Don Ensero
and Coaching Staff



Priest Extends Thanks for Well Wishes

Dear Friends in the Greater Prospect Pages area:

I wish to express my beloved gratitude for all the prayers, cards, and pictures that you recently sent me. It was a long nine weeks that I spent in the hospital with a rare Lymphoma Cancer. I am glad to say that I am "on the mend" but I still have five follow-up chemo sessions to take. I will be back in the hospital August 29 to September 1 with four more such follow-up sessions every third week.

Some of my greatest comforts during my nine-week hospital journey were the cards, pictures and prayers you gave me. I still need your prayers for the follow-up sessions about to begin. With your prayerful help once again, I know I will be able to overcome this cancer.

This illness came upon me very quickly. It was only from Memorial Day that the swelling of my legs began, which is the trademark of lymphoma cancer. It shuts down the lymph nodes of the body making it impossible to process body fluids. I was fortunate that the doctors at St. Francis Hospital caught the cancer in its early stages and have been working hard to help me overcome it.

My only regret was losing my hair, but it is slowly beginning to grow back. The chemotherapy which helps cleanse the body of cancer does leave me exhausted. However, it is a small price to pay. With God's help, with your mighty prayers and love, I know that I will have a full recovery by Christmas.

Once again, please accept my gratitude for all your prayers and love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Rev. Philip J. Cascia

Book Club to Begin in Naugatuck

The Howard Whittemore Memorial Library, 243 Church Street, Naugatuck, will be sponsoring a book club starting Tuesday, September 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. The selected reading is *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini. If you are interested in attending, please call 729-4591 for more information.



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