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Records, records lots of records

The first six weeks of the 2015 season have been more about rain than baseball.

With the record amount of rain that has fallen on the Kansas City area most teams in the league have at least 10 games to play in the regular season.

The goal is to have the everything over by August

1, so that means that changes may have to be made in regular season and the post-season tournament.

At this point, no decisions have been made. Please check the website, bjbaseball.com for updates.

The 2014 league champion Milgram Mustangs

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STOLEN BASE - [Michael Valdivia](#), NKC Apts. Giants' right fielder, steals third base before [Sam Miller](#), MSBL Royals' third baseman tags the runner. The two teams tangled in a doubleheader July 5 at Mid-America Sports Complex.

47th All-Star Game set for Sunday at the K

The 47th Annual Ban Johnson League All-Star Game hosted by the Kansas City Royals is set for Sunday.

The first pitch is slated for 9 a.m. with a nine-inning game, but the game needs to be ended by 11:30 a.m.

The 13-team league has been split into two teams - B and J.

The teams on the B All-Star team are KCSC Blaze, NKC Apts. Giants, Milgram Mustangs, Regal Plastics, Natural Baseball Academy and Midwest Orioles.

J All-Star team has players from the BJ



2015

Raiders, MidAmeriCare Nationals, Seaboard, Building Champions, MSBL Royals, Prodigy Baseball Academy and UMB Bank.

An MVP for the game will be picked.

The managers are Milgram Mustangs [Kevin Shaw](#) for the B All-Stars and Seaboard's [Will Meier](#) for the J All-Stars.

The umpires are [Josh Sword](#) behind the plate, [Chris Ervin](#) at first base, [Kennie Holmes](#) at second base and [Mike Glassnap](#) at third base.

(Statistics are through July 6)

9. Chris Pinne, Seaboard

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Batting Average

(based on a minimum of 35 at bats)

1. Daniel Reilly, KCSC Blaze	.459
1. Matt Milner, Milgram Mustangs	.459
3. Jeremy Lufft, NKC Apts. Giants	.393
4. Andrew Vogelbaugh, Prodigy Baseball	.375
5. Chase Redick, MSBL Royals	.372
6. Cameron Pope, MSBL Royals	.371
7. Chris Pinne, Seaboard	.370
8. Blake Shinkle, Building Champions	.368
9. Kaleb Reid, Prodigy Baseball	.361
10. Louis Perner, NKC Apts. Giants	.356

Home Runs

1. Andrew Vogelbaugh, Prodigy Baseball	3
1. Tim Mahoney, NKC Apts. Giants	3
1. Mitchell Rogers, Seaboard	3
1. Chris Pinne, Seaboard	3
5. (five tied with two each)	

Runs Batted In

1. Andrew Curry, Milgram Mustangs	15
2. Cameron Dean, Milgram Mustangs	14
2. Jack Pauley, Natural Baseball Academy	14
4. Dylan Christie, Milgram Mustangs	13
4. Andrew Vogelbaugh, Prodigy Baseball	13
4. Mitchell Rogers, Seaboard	13
7. Daniel Reilly, KCSC Blaze	12
7. Jared Gage, MidAmeriCare Nationals	12
9. Ryan Fisher, MSBL Royals	11
9. Nicholas Gutzmer, Regal Plastics	11

Pitching Earned Run Average

(based on a minimum of 15 innings)

1. Dakota Graham, Milgram Mustangs	0.68
2. Jamison Raines, NKC Apts. Giants	0.79
3. Shamus Kearney, Milgram Mustangs	0.84
4. Drake Herman, Building Champions	1.13
5. Easton Barnes, Milgram Mustangs	1.17
5. Zachary Mahoney, MSBL Royals	1.17
7. Wally Nellor, Seaboard	1.20
8. Sean Goostree, MidAmeriCare Nationals	1.50
9. Tyler Funk, BJ Raiders	1.65
10. Taylor Ross, BJ Raiders	1.68

Strikeouts

1. Zachary Maskill, Midwest Orioles	47
2. Zachary Hegger, Prodigy Baseball	42
3. Drake Herman, Building Champions	39
3. Dakota Graham, Milgram Mustangs	39
3. Tanner Strickbine, Seaboard	39
6. Sean Goostree, MidAmeriCare Nationals	33
6. Thomas Wright, NKC Apts. Giants	33
8. Wally Nellor, Seaboard	32
9. Alex Smith, MidAmeriCare Nationals	31
9. Shamus Kearney, Milgram Mustangs	31

Ban Johnson League Standings

(thru July 8)

	W	L	GB
BJ Raiders	11	2	---
NKC Apts. Giants	13	4	---
Milgram Mustangs	15	5	---
UMB Bank	6	3	3.0
Building Champions	7	5	3.5
Seaboard	9	7	3.5
KC Sports Club Blaze	7	6	4.0
MidAmeriCare Nationals	7	9	5.5
Natural Baseball	8	11	6.0
MSBL Royals	7	13	7.5
Regal Plastics	6	12	7.5
Midwest Orioles	5	12	8.0
Prodigy Baseball	3	15	10.5

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All-Star Game Rosters

B All-Stars

Daniel Reilly	KCSC Blaze
Joshua Hare	NKC Apts. Giants
Nicholas Gutzmer	Regal Plastics
Matt Milner	Milgram Mustangs
Jeremy Lufft	NKC Apts. Giants
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Jared Allnutt	Regal Plastics
Hayden Edwards	KCSC Blaze
Samuel Gilbert	KCSC Blaze
Brandon Johnson	KCSC Blaze
Jordan Brown	Midwest Orioles
Easton Barnes	Milgram Mustangs
Dakota Graham	Milgram Mustangs
Shamus Kearney	Milgram Mustangs
Alex Knight	Natural Baseball
Jamison Raines	NKC Apts. Giants

J All-Stars

1B Jared Gage	MidAmeriCare	1B
1B Cole Doherty	UMB Bank	1B
1B Blake Shinkle	Building Champions	2B
2B Nicholas Deichler	MSBL Royals	2B
2B Andrew Vogelbaugh	Prodigy Baseball	SS
SS Curtis Boyer	UMB Bank	SS
SS Jordan Robben	Prodigy Baseball	3B
3B Henry Weiler	UMB Bank	3B
3B Austin Hoegerl	Seaboard	DH
DH RJ Burrola	MSBL Royals	DH
DH Nick Gavin	Building Champions	C
C David White	Seaboard	C
C Tyler Cox	BJ Raiders	OF
OF Craig Straws	BJ Raiders	OF
OF Anthony Biondo	MidAmeriCare	OF
OF Jordan Eckley	MidAmeriCare	OF
OF Chris Pinne	Seaboard	OF
OF Tyler Burgess	UMB Bank	OF
OF Seth Ell	UMB Bank	OF
OF Tyler Funk	BJ Raiders	P
P Dylan Pollock	BJ Raiders	P
P Tayler Ross	BJ Raiders	P
P Drake Herman	Building Champions	P
P Connor Leach	Building Champions	P
P Sean Goostree	MidAmeriCare	P
P Wally Nellor	Seaboard	P
P Dalton Moats	UMB Bank	P
P Jacob VanVacter	UMB Bank	P



B DIVISION ALL-STARS - **Tim Mahoney** (left) and **Alex Pener** of the NKC Apartment Giants



J DIVISION ALL-STARS - **Nick Deichler** (left) and **RJ Burrola** of the MSBL Royals

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Awesome performances

June 28

Michael Rogers of Seaboard was two-for-four with a homer and four RBIs in an 8-5 win over the Royals.

The Milgram Mustangs' **Andrew Curry** was three-for-four with a double and an RBI in an 6-1 win over MidAmericare Nationals.

June 29

The Royals' **Terry Arrellano** went three-for-four with three RBIs and a homer in a 10-1 win against Building Champions.

June 30

A.J. Salinas' two-out, line-single to right in the bottom of the ninth gave the Milgram Mustangs a 3-2 win over NKC Apts. Giants.

UMB's **Curtis Boyer** went three-for-four with a double and four RBIs in a 16-4 win over Prodigy Baseball.

Zach Hoeflicker of the BJ Raiders was three-for-three with four RBIs in a 14-3 win over the Royals.

July 1

Thomas Wright of NKC Apts. Giants allowed just two hits in a 6-1 victory over Prodigy Baseball. He fanned 11 and walked four.

July 5

Midwest Orioles' **Dion Williams** was two-for-four with a triple and two RBIs in a 4-3 win over Prodigy Baseball.

Tim Maloney of the NKC Apts. Giants went two-for-three with a homer and three RBIs in a 6-3 victory over the MSBL Royals.

July 7

UMB Bank pitcher **Dalton Morris** tossed a two-hitter in a 4-0 victory over Natural Baseball Acadmy. He fanned nine and didn't walk a batter in the shutout effort.



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Notes from around the Ban Johnson League

More spring honors

Seaboard reported a number of spring honors among its players.

Andrew Warner was first team all-conference catcher in the KJCCC for Johnson County Community College.

Wally Nellor was a first-team all-conference for JCCC as a pitcher.

Pitcher **Jon Roblez** was second team all-conference for JCCC.

Outfielder **Zach Hanna** was a first team All-State Kansas Class 5A selection from Mill Valley.

Outfielder **Austin Hoegrl** was a first team All East Kansas League outfielder for 5A state champion Blue Valley Southwest.

BJ trek to St. Joseph

A team of many of the top Ban Johnson League players made the trek to St. Joseph on July 3 for Military Appreciation Night.

The league was invited to send a team by the St. Joseph Mustangs of the MINK League.

The team managed by UMB Bank coach **Tom Dailey** dropped a 9-2 decision.



NOT TAG - Cooper Currin, NKC Apartment Giants shortstop, scores as **Kavin Patel**, MSBL Royals catcher, catches the ball at home in the first of two games July 5 at Mid-America Sports Complex. The Giants swept the doubleheader from the Royals. They won the opener 6-3 and the second game by a count of 4-2.

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Spotlight

All-Star Game MVPs

Here is a look at the All-Star Game MVPs since 1992.

- 1992 - Joe Renzi, Westport
- 1993 - Toby Ciochon, UMB Bank
- 1994 - Jay Burkhart, Lloyd's
- 1995 - Thad Lincoln, KC Creekers
- 1996 - David Goodwin, Milgram Mustangs
- 1997 - Steve Kosa, NationsBank
- 1998 - Steve Roldan, Regal Plastics
- 1999 - Clint Kaeding, NKC Apartments
- 2000 - Robbie Ward, UMB Bank
- 2001 - Zac Ruff, UMB Bank
- 2002 - Shawn Stillwell, BJ Raiders
- 2003 - Shawn Stillwell, BJ Baiders
- 2004 - Dan Rezin, KC Bulldogs
- 2005 - Shawn Stillwell, BJ Raiders
- 2006 - Jake Bradshaw, MSBL Royals
- 2007 - Bryan Moore, KC Blues
- 2008 - Jerry Mancuso, Building Champions
- 2009 - J.P. Bartmess, NKC Apartments
- 2010 - Cody Cobb, Vipers
- 2011 - Andrew Kreiling, Building Champions
- 2012 - Ian Robinson, Natural baseball
- 2013 - Jared Patton, Regal Plastics
- 2014 - Aaron Stubblefield, Milgram Mustangs
- 2015 - ??????????



BIG SWING - **Jeremy Lufft**, NKC Apartment Giants' second baseman, singled and scored a run in the first game on of a doubleheader against the MSBL Royals July 5 at Mid-America Sports Complex.

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Thanks for all the memories

Every player who gets a chance to play in the annual Ban Johnson League All-Star Game at Kauffman Stadium has many memories of the experience.

And there have been a ton of memories from the 46 all-star games that have been hosted by the Kansas City Royals.

First-year BJ Raiders' manager **Jake Bradshaw** played in three all-star games for the MSBL Royals.

"It was always an opportunity that I never took for granted," he said. "Playing on a big league field with the best of the best from the league was fun.

"In 2006, I was awarded the MVP of the game by going three-for-three with a stolen base. Two hits came in the same inning."

After winning the MVP in 2006, he got to throw out the first pitch before the Royals game that Sunday afternoon.

And he has some advice for all-star game players.

"If I could I would tell all of the players to play like they always do," he said. "Don't change a thing and have fun."

Charlie Tholl played in two all-star games for the Milgram Mustangs. He played in 2001 and 2002.

"I remember the all-star games that I was lucky enough to play in quite clearly," he said. "The things that stand out the most were:

- * The impressiveness of the field - everything was flat, smooth, manicured and just perfect.

- * The fun atmosphere for friends and family. It was a great chance to invite them to see me play on a pro field.

- * The timeless memories with my teammates. When I see my former teammates from both Ban Johnson and Rockhurst together, the chance to play at Kauffman Stadium always comes up. It was just awesome."



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have been playing well.

Manager **Kevin Shaw**'s club didn't win the regular season title in 2014, but won the post-season tournament.

"It's been a real team effort and we are having fun," Shaw said.

He said that the starting pitching with **Dakota Graham** and **Easton Barnes** has been good with each winning four games.

"Our relievers **Ryan Cantrell**, **Dakota Knight** and **Austin Nordike** have done a great job of keeping us in games late," Shaw said.

He said that the offense has spread it around of who gets the clutch hits.

"Third baseman **A.J. Salinas**, second baseman **Matt Milner**, catcher **Colton Hilbrenner** and outfielders **Andrew Curry** and **J.J. Wesley** have been hitting well lately producing runs," he said.

"Our defense has been solid, also, behind veteran shortstop **Zac Shaw**," Shaw said. "And during the holiday week reaching into our bench, our backup catcher **Dominic DeFeo** played outstanding contributing in all facets of the game."

Another team that has been played well is

Building Champions.

The organization had two teams in the league in 2014, but decided to combine teams for the 2015 season.

First-year manager **Ryan Kisner** has been pleased.

"The attitude we bring to the yard every night has been the biggest reason for our success," he said. "Our players have been exceptional at finding ways to win. Every night they have shown up believing that we can win and willing to do whatever it takes to make it happen."

Pointing to several players, he said, "Guys like **Connor Leach** and **Drake Herrman** have done a great job of getting extended and keeping us in ball games. Our bullpen featuring guys like **Colton Larkins** and **Jake Slocum** have done a great job of getting crucial outs.

"We have a lot of depth on the bump. Offensively, we have done a great job of getting extra bases. Outfielders **Jordan Henning** and **Jordan McCloud** have found ways to get on base and have been able to display the speed and ability to steal bases. The offense has been anchored by the consistency of middle infielder **Blake Shinkle**."

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