

Capsule previews

Eastern Division

Shillington Red Sox

- Coach: Steve Murray, second season, 21-10.
- Last year: 17-5 league, 21-10; Berks playoff qualifier.
- Key returnees: P Ryan Gerber, CF Steve Savage, 1B-P Phil Futrick, C Tim Stehman, SS Andy Rick, OF-P Ben Arndt, OF Aaron Bertoldi, OF Ryan Cronrath.
- Others to watch: 2B-P Jason Zeigler, 3B-P Zach Lutz, C Jake Graue, C Tim Carr.
- Outlook: Pitching depth; offensive firepower and overall experience will make Red Sox tough to beat.

Boyerstown Bears

- Coach: Rick Matz, 15th season, 653-175.
- Last year: 17-5 league, 38-21; Berks playoff qualifier, Pennsylvania State Tournament qualifier (host).
- Key returnees: SSC Jon Kalejta, OF-1B Brian Ernst, P-1B Brad Unger, 2B Mike Zernak.
- Others to watch: OF Matt Cotellese, OF Chad Mackey, 3B Adam Tsakonas, C Matt Derolf, P Kurt Houck, P Chad Lightcap.
- Outlook: Lots of youth and inexperience, but Bears should still be a major factor in division and league.

Exeter Blue Jays

- Coach: Phil Raccuglia, first season.
- Last year: 14-8 league, 20-11; Berks playoff qualifier.
- Key returnees: RF Matt Rowley, SS Aaron Warchal, P-3B Kyle Sadowski, CF Pete Jordan, P-J Zach Groh.
- Others to watch: OF Greg Hughes, P Devin Vprino, 1B Tim Grenko, C Mark Hudson, POF Zach Schlarb, F Jesse Reider, PC Phil Rurmet, 1B Matt Daniels, 2B Kyle Stover.
- Outlook: Strong contender in both division and league.

Birdsboro Orioles

- Coach: Chris Drowne, fourth season, 64-32.
- Last year: 18-4 league, 28-11; Berks champion, Region 2 runner-up.
- Key returnees: SS Eric Everhart, 1B-

- OF Ty Brewer, POF Steve Olshenski.
- Others to watch: 1B-OF Matt Simmons, POF Chris Gredjus.
- Outlook: Defending league champs should still be in the playoff mix, but probably don't have the horses to repeat.

Kutztown Cougars

- Coach: Joel Graff, seventh season, 63-82.
- Last year: 13-9 league, 15-12; Berks playoff qualifier.
- Key returnees: 1B Dave Yoder, 2B Zach Boyer, 3B Abe Yeakel, RF-P Doug Miller.
- Others to watch: SS Phil Schimoyer, SS Andrew Green, C A.J. Fleisher, P mark Yoder, OF Nick Beltler, C Chad Wengerl.
- Outlook: Could contend for playoff spot if pitching staff comes around.

Fleetwood Tigers

- Coach: John Endy, second season, 8-14.
- Last year: 8-14 league, 8-14.
- Key returnees: P-SS Matt Keller, P-1B Matt Gardner, 2B-OF Glenn Otinger, C Troy Horning, POF Jared Trechler.
- Others to watch: F Tim Tnebel, 2B-P Josh Santos, C Adam Frederick.
- Outlook: Could surprise.

Oley Lynx

- Coach: Mike Reiman, second season, 6-25.
- Last year: 4-18 league, 6-25.
- Key returnees: P-JF Kevin Lundquist, IF Jon Moyer, POF Brad Fidler, POF Luke Pisker, P-1B Eric Mikstz.
- Others to watch: 1B-OF Drew Davies, P Jon Foley, C Boo Schaeffer.
- Outlook: Could be a year away.

Topton Rams

- Coach: Adam Erb, first season.
- Last year: 2-20 league, 2-20.
- Key returnees: 1B-P Zach Meck, OF Dave Bower, 2B Ricky Moyer, SS Seth Erb, 3B Justin Shoemaker.
- Others to watch: OF Jon Gentile, Bales, IF-P Cody Young, IF-P T.J. Chrusch, OF-P Steve Strachan, IF Brian Emerich.
- Outlook: Should show marked improvement.

Western Division

Muhlenberg A's

- Coach: Scott Spatz, first season.
- Last year: 13-9 league, 20-16; Berks playoff qualifier, Region 2 qualifier.
- Key returnees: CF-P Jeremy Kondsko, SSP Julian Pellegrini, C-OF Mike McGinley, 3B Zac Schneider, C Casey Seaward, 1B John Shade, 2B Matt Hrachto, OF-1B Dru Darkis, P-2B Ryan Figard.
- Others to watch: IF-OF Aaron Kopel-sky, P Rick Stewart, P Kevin Morganti, P Kyle Giers.
- Outlook: Slight favorite in what should be a wide-open Western Division.

Gregg Post Keys

- Coach: Charita Flannery, 20th season, 208-246.
- Last year: 13-9 league, 13-11; Berks playoff qualifier.
- Key returnees: P-F Leon Adams, SS Jared Heins, P-C Tyler Pennepacker, IF Matt Whiteley, F Mike Connor, P Art Gehring.
- Others to watch: OF Tim Marmontes-lo, C Mike Berniudez, F Esra Placarcia, Tim Swavey.
- Outlook: Keys appear primed to contend for the West title.

Schuylkill Valley Marlins

- Coach: Don Ottaviani, second season, 20-12.
- Last year: 14-8 league, 20-12; Berks playoff qualifier.
- Key returnees: C Jeff Harner, 2B Adam Keppley, LFP Nate Ottaviani, P Luis Ortiz.
- Others to watch: CF Chris Beissel, P Brad Baker, C Drew Bailey, OF Dirk Koller, 3B Andy Gilmer, SS Nick Heyer, OF Bryan Weyandt.
- Outlook: Should be in the thick of the playoff and division title races.

Hamburg Hawks

- Coach: Jeff Seidel, eighth season, 112-90.
- Last year: 11-11 league, 14-12.
- Key returnees: P-F Kyle Breidenstine, P-F Jason Seidel, C Rory Rhoads, OF Alex Gresslev, P D.J. Butz.

- Others to watch: P Josh Krick, OF Cory Slika, IF Jordan Boyer, P Lee Butz.
- Outlook: Young team that could be a darkhorse in division.

West Lawn Owls

- Coach: Tony Matz III, 16th season, 446-183.
- Last year: 12-10 league, 18-14.
- Key returnees: C Joe Blackburn, OF Ben Reitsnyder, SS Jim Shipe.
- Others to watch: OF Matt Bainbridge, 1B Todd Krise, P Ryan Stavorski, P Ben Rusnak, 3B Zach Williams, 2B Rick Ziska.
- Outlook: Middle of pack.

Wyomissing Bisons

- Coach: Ken Ave, first season.
- Last year: 5-16 league, 5-16.
- Key returnees: POF Justin Hanley, SS-P Kyle Hartman, C Scott Miller, IF-P Mark Prokopovits, OF Josh Kramer.
- Others to watch: OF Matt Levan, 3B James Geosits, IF-P Ben Sprecher, OF-1B Derrick Koystie, C Shawn Hill.
- Outlook: Could be a team to watch.

Reading White Sox

- Coach: Chad Derunzio, fourth season, 37-31.
- Last year: 9-12 league, 9-12.
- Key returnees: C Jose Hernandez, P-SS Dennis DeJesus, 1B Randy Carlo, OF-P Pepe Montalvo.
- Others to watch: 2B Kyle Wernrich, OF-P Jon Soto, OF Steve Kuzio.
- Outlook: Inexperienced, but could do some damage when Dennis DeJesus pitches.

Conrad Weiser Scouts

- Coach: Dave Hoffman, second season, 13-26.
- Last year: 5-17 league, 13-26.
- Key returnees: C-3B Austin Henry, OF-P Andrew Hoffman, 3B-P Wes Hulizer, SSP Ben Grace, IF Darryl Nadeau, IF-OF Jason Keglavit.
- Others to watch: SSP Jared Kiscaden, 2B Eric Mays, OF Mike McGee, OF Danny Eskin, OF Jared Weyandt, OF Cam Memmo, C-3B Scott Schaeffer.
- Outlook: Longshot, but shouldn't be overlooked.

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Local

American Legion

Conestoga Valley 14, West Lawn 7
Highlights: For West Lawn (0-1), Todd Krise was 2-for-2 with three RBIs, Jimmy Shippe 1-for-2 with two RBIs and Matt Bainbridge scored three runs.

Legion

Non-league

Exeter 5, West Lawn 2
Highlights: For Exeter, Kyle Sadlowski struck out nine in six innings to get the win and went 2-for-3 at the plate with a run scored. Pete Jordan went 1-for-3 with a triple and two runs.

Legion

Non-league

Exeter 7, Richland 5
West Lawn 11, Bethlehem 4
West Lawn 8, Lower South 7 (11 Innings)
■ Highlights: At Richland, Kyle Stover went 3-for-3 with two runs and two RBIs for the Blue Jays (4-0). Also for Exeter, Devin Viprino went 5 innings to pick up win, and Zach Schlarb pitched the final four for the save. . . . Ryan Stawarski struck out 10 over seven innings in the first game for the Owls. In the second game, Ricky Ziaka singled in Drew Barnatt with one out in the bottom of the 11th for the Owls (2-2). Billy Lodek earned the win with four innings of relief. Ben Reifsnnyder, Jim Shippe and Joey Blackburn each had two hits for West Lawn.

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Legion

NON-LEAGUE

Bristol 15, West Lawn 8
Fleetwood 10, Pottsgrove 1
North Parkland 6, Fleetwood 4

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Non-league
Richland 8, Kutztown 6
Levittown 25, West Lawn 4
Muhlenberg 10, Northampton 6

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Legion non-league

Doylestown 7, Birdsboro 2
Topton 19, Pine Grove 13
Exeter 15, Conrad Weiser 3
Shillington 14, North Parkland 1
West Lawn 8, Spring City 8 (called after 10 in-
nings)

■ Highlights: For Birdsboro, Adam Ruffner was 2-for-2 with a homer and Eric Everhart went 2-for-3 with one RBI. . . . Zack Meck had a homer and double, Justin Shoemaker homered and T.J. Chrusch had a double and triple for Topton (2-0). . . . Aaron Warchal went 3-for-4 with three RBIs and Mark Hudson drove in four runs for the Blue Jays (5-1). . . . Andy Pick went 4-for-4 and Steve Savage doubled twice for the Red Sox (1-0). . . . For the Owls (3-4), Joey Blackburn was 3-for-5 with two doubles and four RBIs, Ricky Ziska was 3-for-5 with a double and two runs and Todd Kriese was 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

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Legion**

NON-LEAGUE
Northwestern 6, Kutztown 4
West Lawn 7, Bensalem 5
Highlights: Jim Shipe had two runs and two RBIs, Zack Williams drove in two runs and Ricky Ziska went 2-for-3 for the Owls (3-3).

Non-league

West Lawn 13, Norchester 11

■ Highlights: At West Lawn, the Owls' (5-1) John Girrapano was 3-for-4 with three runs and two RBIs and teammate Rick Ziaka was 1-for-3 with two RBIs.

■ Jake Shipe went 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored as West Lawn (1-0, 4-5) beat Conrad Weiser (0-1, 1-2) 12-7 in a Western Division game.

	R	H	E
West Lawn	061	320	— 12 6 4
Conrad Weiser	007	000	— 7 7 6
W: Ben Reifsnyder (1-0). L: Andrew Hoffman (0-1). 2B: Cam Memmo (CW). 3B: Richie Ziska (WL), Jake Shipe (WL).			

Ryan Brobst hurls West Lawn past Schuylkill

■ 15-year-old right-hander Ryan Brobst goes the distance to lead the Owls to an 8-1 win over the Marlins.

From our news staff

Ryan Brobst went the route on an eight-hitter and Joe Blackburn went 3-for-5 with one RBI as West Lawn defeated defending Berks Legion League Western Division champ Schuylkill Valley 8-1 Tuesday night at Owls Field.

Brobst, a 15-year-old right-hander, struck out eight and allowed just two walks as the Owls 2-0 Western Division, 6-4

overall) took advantage of seven errors by the Marlins (1-1, 2-1).

Drew Barnett had an RBI single and Ben Reifsnnyder drew a bases-loaded walk in the second to put West Lawn up 2-0, and Jake Shiye scored on a balk by Luis Ortiz to score another run in the third.

The Owls tacked on three more unearned runs on an error in the fifth inning, and scored two more on an error in

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the seventh to make it 8-0.

Jeff Harner went 2-for-4 for Schuylkill Valley, which averted the shutout on Andy Kopicz's ninth-inning RBI double.

Schuylkill Valley	000 000 001	—	187
West Lawn	021 302 001	—	880
W. Ryan Brobst (1-0)	L. Luis Ortiz (0-1)	2B:	
Jeff Harner (3F)	Joe Blackburn (WL)	3B:	Jeff Harner (3F)

Non-league

West Lawn 7, Downingtown 6
Highlights: Joe Blackburn went 2-for-2 with two RBIs and a triple and Jimmy Shippe went 2-for-2 with two runs for West Lawn.

■ **Hamburg 5, West Lawn 0:**
At Owls Field, Jason Seidel and Josh Krick combined on a five-hit shutout as the Hawks (1-2, 2-3) blanked the Owls (2-1, 7-5) in a Western Division game.

Seidel (1-1) allowed five hits and walked two in seven innings for the win. Krick pitched two hitless innings for the save.

Rory Rhoads was 2-for-4 with three RBIs and Marc Schroeder was 1-for-2 with two runs and three steals for Hamburg, which pulled away with a three-run sixth.

Jim Shippe (2-for-4) and Matt Bainbridge (2-for-3) had four of the Owls' five hits.

	R	H	E			
Hamburg	001	003	010	5	10	3
West Lawn	000	000	000	0	5	1

W: Jason Seidel (1-1). L: Ben Rusnak (0-1). S: Josh Krick (1). 2B: D.J. Butz (H), Rory Rhoads (H), Jim Shippe (WL), Joe Blackburn (WL).

■ **Muhlenberg 8, West Lawn 3:**
At Gochnauer Field, Matt Hracho scored four runs and Julian Pellegrini hit a solo home run to lead the A's (4-0, 5-0) to a Western Division win over the Owls (2-2, 7-6).

Jeremy Kondisko struck out seven in eight innings and had three RBIs in the win. Zach Schneider's two-run single in the fourth gave Muhlenberg a 4-1 lead.

Joe Blackburn went 2-for-4 with a double, triple and two runs scored for West Lawn.

	R	H	E			
West Lawn	001	100	100	3	8	1
Muhlenberg	202	200	02x	8	9	0

W: Jeremy Kondisko (1-1). L: Ryan Brobst (1-1). 2B: Jim Ship (WL), Joe Blackburn (WL), Matt Hracho (M). 3B: Joe Blackburn (WL). HR: Julian Pellegrini (M).

Fast start key to win by Boyertown

From our news staff

Boyertown scored four runs in the first inning en route to a 10-4 Berks Legion League interdivision win over West Lawn Monday at Bear Stadium.

Matt Dierolf went 3-for-4 with two RBIs for the Bears (5-0 East, 11-5), who scored five runs in the eighth inning.

Ben Reifsnyder went 2-for-3 for West Lawn (2-3 West, 7-7).

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	R	H	E
West Lawn	4	8	6
Boyertown	10	11	3

W: Brad Unger (2-0). L: Ryan Stavarski (0-1).
 2B: Joseph Blackburn (W), Chris McDavid (W);
 Chad Mackey (B), Brian Ernst (B), Matthew Dierolf (B). 3B: Eric Raish (B).

■ West Lawn 11, Reading 1: At Owls Field, Ben Reifsnyder struck out six and gave up six hits in a complete game to lead the Owls (3-3, 8-7) over the White Sox (2-2, 2-3) in the West.

John Giarrantano went 3-for-4 with two RBIs and scored two runs and Drew Barnett went 2-for-5 with two RBIs and a run. Zach Williams had a two-run single in West Lawn's four-run third. Pepe Montalvo went 2-for-4 for Reading.

	R	H	E
Reading	1	6	2
West Lawn	11	16	1

W: Ben Reifsnyder (2-0). L: Luis Garcia (0-2).
 3B: Ben Reifsnyder (WL).

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■ Drew Barnett hit a go-ahead two-run double in a five-run eighth as visiting West Lawn (4-3, 9-7) rallied for an 8-5 win over Wyomissing (0-6, 0-6) in a Thursday night game called after eight innings due to darkness.

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Thursday's game
 West Lawn 200 010 05 — 8 8 0
 Wyomissing 003 011 00 — 5 9 2
 W: Ryan Brobst (2-1). L: Ben Spröcher (0-2).
 2B: Ben Reifanydar (WL) 2, Ricky Ziska (WL).
 Daniel Dunn (WL), Mark Stahlor (W), James
 Occatis (W). HR: Kyle Hartman (W).

■ West Lawn 6, Tipton 4: At Owls Field, the Owls (5-3 West, 10-8) edged the Rams (4-5 East, 6-5) behind a four-run sixth in an interdivision game.

Ryan Stavarski pitched eight innings for the Owls and went 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs. Teammate Jim Shipe went 3-for-5 with one run.

For the Rams, T.J. Chrusch went 3-for-4 with two doubles and three runs. Zach Meck went 3-for-4 with two RBIs, and Steve Strachan was 3-for-4.

Tipton 000 102 010 — 4 12 2
 West Lawn 000 024 00x — 6 9 2
 W: Ryan Stavarski (1-1). L: Brian Emerich (0-1).
 2B: T.J. Chrusch 2 (T). 3B: Jim Shipe (WL).

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Hanover 6, West Lawn 2

■ Gregg Post 11, West Lawn 9: At George Field, Tim Swavely went 4-for-4 and Nate Luigard hit a tiebreaking solo homer in a four-run eighth as the Keys (5-0, 5-0) rallied past the Owls (5-4, 10-9) in the West.

Gregg Post trailed 6-0 before scoring seven times in the sixth, capped by Swavely's two-run single. West Lawn tied it 7-7 when Marc Hampson scored on an error in the eighth, but the Keys got an RBI single by Edwin Tavarez (3-for-3) and a two-run double by Tyler Pennepacker in the eighth.

Rick Ziska was 3-for-4 and Joe Blackburn doubled and tripled for West Lawn.

West Lawn 300 003 012 — 9 12 2
 Gregg Post 000 007 04x — 11 15 4
 W: Tyler Pennepacker (3-0). L: Jim Shipe (0-1).
 2B: Joe Blackburn (WL), Jake Shipe (WL).
 Tyler Pennepacker (GP). 3B: Joe Blackburn
 (WL). HR: Nate Luigard (GP).

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Home run by Shipe, solid relief by Ziska lift Owls over Exeter

From our news staff

Jim Shipe hit a tiebreaking home run in the fifth inning and Ricky Ziska pitched out of a ninth-inning jam to lead West Lawn past Exeter 4-2 in a Berks Legion League inter-division game Wednesday at Reiffton.

West Lawn's Joe Blackburn hit an RBI single in the first inning before the Blue Jays (4-3 East, 9-5) tied it 1-1 in the third. Shipe's homer made it 2-1.

In the seventh, Shipe hit a leadoff double and then scored on Blackburn's sacrifice fly as the Owls (6-4 West, 11-9) scored twice to make it 4-1.

Exeter threatened in the ninth when Jason Resh singled and Tim Grenko doubled off starter Ryan Brobst with one out. Ziska came in and struck out Phil Rummel, gave up an RBI single to Kyle Stover and then struck out pinch-hitter Dillon Eppenstein with runners on first and third to end the game.

Shipe finished 2-for-2 with three walks and two runs. Blackburn was 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Brobst threw 8½ innings of five-hit ball, striking out five and walking two, to get the win.

	RHE
West Lawn	100 010 200 — 472
Exeter	001 000 001 — 271
W: Ryan Brobst (3-1), L: Zach Groh (2-1), S:	
Ricky Ziska (1), 2B: Jim Shipe (WL), Tim Grenko	
(E), HR: Jim Shipe (WL)	

■ Matt Keller's 5-for-5 day at the plate helps the Tigers push past West Lawn.

From staff reports

Matt Keller went 5-for-5 with a triple and two RBIs to lead Fleetwood past West Lawn 4-3 in a Berks Legion League interdivision game Sunday.

At Owls Field, the Tigers (5-5 East, 6-7) and the Owls (6-5 West, 11-10) each had two runs in the third. The Tigers took a 3-2 lead in the fifth on Mike Schwab's triple and an RBI single by Keller.

West Lawn added a run in the seventh to tie the game.

Keller led off the eighth for the Tigers with a single and reached second on a sacrifice fly by Glen Ottinger. Paul Frederick's RBI single drove in the final run for Fleetwood.

Mike Schwab went 3-for-4 with a triple and two runs scored. Barry Koch took the mound for Fleetwood in the fourth and threw 5½ innings for the win, while Keller got the save.

For the Owls, Jim Shipe was 2-for-4 with two runs scored.

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	R	H	E
Fleetwood	002	010	010
West Lawn	002	000	100
W: Barry Koch (1-1), L: Ben Walter (0-1), S: Matt Keller, 3B: Matt Keller (F), Michael Schwab (F).			

Birdsboro 6, West Lawn 1:

At Owls Field, Steve Olshenske pitched three-hit ball for eight innings and Adam Ruffner drove in three runs to lead the Orioles (7-4 East, 12-8) to an interdivision win over the Owls (6-6 West, 11-11).

Ruffner hit an RBI single in the first and a two-run double in a three-run fifth to give Birdsboro a 4-0 lead.

Olshenske drove home a run with a fielder's choice and took second on a double steal that enabled Ruffner to score in the seventh.

Rick Ziska hit an RBI triple in the eighth for West Lawn.

Ty Brewer went 3-for-5 and scored twice for Birdsboro, which had 11 hits.

Olshenske struck out five and walked four.

	R	H	E
Birdsboro	100	030	200
West Lawn	000	000	010
W: Steve Olshenske (2-1), L: Ryan Brobst (3-2), 2B: Adam Ruffner (B), 3B: Rick Ziska (WL).			

■ West Lawn 7, Oley 3: At Oley Youth Field, Joe Blackburn's two-run double keyed a tiebreaking three-run third as the Owls (7-6, 12-11) defeated the Lynx (1-11, 3-15) in an interdivision game.

Ryan Stavarski struck out eight on a complete-game effort for the win. Drew Barnett was 2-for-4 and Blackburn and Jim Shipe were each 2-for-5 for West Lawn.

For Oley, Eric Miksitz went 3-for-4 with two doubles and Jon Moyer was 3-for-4.

	R	H	E
West Lawn	013	010	011
Oley	100	000	101
W: Ryan Stavarski (2-1), L: Brad Fidler (0-1), 2B: Ben Reifsnnyder (WL), Rick Ziska (WL), Joe Blackburn (WL), Eric Miksitz (O) 2, Kevin Lundquist (O), Justin Sobotka (O), Boo Boo Schaeffer (O).			

■ **Kutztown 7, West Lawn 3:**
At Owls Field, Dave Yoder hit a three-run home run in the sixth inning to lead the Cougars (6-8 East, 7-12) past the Owls (7-7, 12-12) in an interdivision game.

to a 7-3 win over West Lawn in a Berks Legion League interdivision game at Owls Field Friday.

Andrew Green (2-2) pitched six innings and gave up three runs, two earned, on seven hits to earn the win for Kutztown. He walked three and struck out four.

Lefty Doug Miller struck out six over three innings to record the save.

Abe Yeakel went 2-for-4 with a triple, two runs and an RBI for Kutztown, which has won 6-of-8 league games since an 0-6 start.

Jim Shipe, Ben Reifsnnyder and Rick Ziska had two hits each for West Lawn.

Kutztown	West Lawn	R	H	E
200	023	100	792	
W: Andrew Green (2-2)	L: Todd Krise (0-1)			
2B: Zach Boyer (K), Phil Seilmoyer (K)	3B: Abram Yeakel (K)	HR: Dave Yoder (K)		

■ **West Lawn 14, Schuylkill Valley 4:** At Leesport, Joe Blackburn hit a three-run homer in the first inning and finished 3-for-5 with four RBIs to spark the Owls (8-8, 13-13) past the Marlins (6-9, 7-9).

West Lawn drew seven walks and scored seven runs in the third to take a 10-1 lead.

Jim Shipe was 2-for-5 with two RBIs and Rick Ziska 2-for-3 for West Lawn. For the Marlins, Nate Ottaviani was 3-for-5 with a double and a triple and Jeff Harner went 2-for-5 with a double and an RBI.

West Lawn	Sch. Valley	R	H	E
307	002	020	14	131
W: Ryan Brobst (4-2)	L: Tom Ashman (2-1)			
2B: Joe Blackburn (WL), Jake Shipe (WL)	Nate Ottaviani (SV), Jeff Harner (SV)	Tucker Schreiber (SV)	3B: Nate Ottaviani (SV)	HR: Joe Blackburn (WL)

■ **Shillington 13, West Lawn 1:**
At Shillington, Steve Savage doubled twice and drove in four runs and Phil Futrick threw a four-hitter as the Red Sox (12-2 Eastern Division, 15-3) beat the Owls (7-8 Western, 12-13) in an interdivision game halted after seven innings by the 12-run rule.

Savage had a two-run double in a four-run first for Shillington. Zach Lutz went 3-for-5 with two RBIs and Jason Zeigler was 3-for-5 in a 13-hit Red Sox attack.

Futrick (5-0) struck out four and didn't walk a batter.

West Lawn	Shillington	R	H	E
000	001	0--	14	5
W: Phil Futrick (5-0)	L: Ben Reifsnnyder (2-1)			
2B: Steve Savage (S)	Zach Lutz (S), Jason Zeigler (S)			

■ **West Lawn 21, Conrad Weiser 9:** At Owls Field, winning pitcher Jim Shipe scored four runs and drove in three to lead the Owls (10-8, 15-13) over the Scouts (1-14, 2-15) in a game called after seven innings due to the 12-run rule in the West.

Ryan Stavarski had a three-run triple in a six-run second that put West Lawn up 8-2.

Rick Ziska was 2-for-4 with three RBIs for the Owls.

	R	H	E
Conrad Weiser	201	113	1
West Lawn	260	315	4
W: Jimmy Shipe (1-1), L: Danny Nadeau (0-3), 2B: Danny Nadeau (CW), Dan Eskin (CW), Ryan Stavarski (WL), Zach Williams (WL), 3B: Jason Kagiowitz (CW), Jared Kiscadden (CW), Cam Mammo (CW), Ben Reifsnnyder (WL), Ryan Stavarski (WL)			

■ **West Lawn 10, Hamburg 1:** At Hamburg Community Park, Ryan Brobst scattered eight hits over nine innings and recorded five strikeouts to guide the Owls (11-8, 16-13) in a Western Division win over the Hawks (6-12, 7-16).

Ben Reifsnnyder had two triples and two RBIs and Jim Shipe went 3-for-6 with a double for West Lawn.

Mark Schroeder had three hits for Hamburg.

	R	H	E
West Lawn	301	102	120
Hamburg	001	000	000
W: Ryan Brobst (5-2), L: D.J. Butz (3-2), 2B: Jim Shipe (W), 3B: Ben Reifsnnyder (W) 2.			

Kondisko's arm gives Muhlenberg victory over Owls

Jeremy Kondisko strikes out 10 as the Western-leading A's defeat second-place West Lawn.

From our news staff

Jeremy Kondisko struck out 10 batters in eight innings and Muhlenberg took advantage of an early lead as the Western Division-leading A's defeated second-place West Lawn 8-2 in a Berks Legion game at Owls Field Sunday.

Zac Schneider's three-run triple in the first set the tone for the A's (14-4, 15-5), who had an 8-0 lead heading into the bottom of the fifth. Julian Pellegrini went 4-for-5 with three runs. John Shade went 2-for-4 with a triple and Schneider finished 2-for-5.

Jim Shipe and Zach Williams each went 2-for-3 for the Owls (11-9, 16-14).

■ **West Lawn 11, Wyomissing 5:** At Owls Field, the Owls (12-9, 17-14) scored four runs in the fifth inning, three on consecutive bases-loaded walks, and rallied for a Western Division victory over the Bisons (2-17, 2-17).

The West Lawn uprising erased a 4-2 Wyomissing lead. The Owls added three more runs in the sixth inning to put the game away.

Ryan Stavariski (4-1) gave up eight hits and struck out seven over eight innings.

Justin Hanley's two-run single and Matt Levan's RBI single keyed the Bisons to a 4-0 led in the second inning.

For the Owls, Joe Blackburn went 2-for-2, scored three runs and drove in two runs, Matt Bainbridge had two RBIs, and Zach Williams went 2-for-3.

The Bisons were led by Levan, who went 3-for-5 with an RBI.

	R	H	E
Wyomissing	040	000	010 — 5 9 2
West Lawn	002	043	11x — 11 8 2
W: Ryan Stavariski (4-1). L: Justin Hanley (2-4). 2B: Matt Levan (W), Ben Sprecher (W), Ben Reifsnnyder (WL), Drew Barnett (WL). 3B: Joe Blackburn (WL).			

■ **Reading 7, West Lawn 4:** At George Field, Dennis DeJesus escaped a ninth-inning jam as the White Sox (10-8; 10-9) held on to top the Owls (12-10, 17-15) in a Western Division game.

DeJesus (4-4) faced a bases-loaded, one-out situation, but he recording a strikeout and a groundout to end the game. DeJesus got the complete-game win, allowing two earned runs on eight hits and five walks and striking out 12.

Reading broke a 3-3 tie in the bottom of the sixth when Randy Carlo scored on Jason Gonzalez's sacrifice fly. The White Sox added three runs in the seventh on a sac fly by Pepe Montalvo and RBI singles by Carlo and DeJesus.

DeJesus finished 2-for-2 with two RBIs, and Jose Hernandez went 3-for-5. For West Lawn, Ben Reifsnnyder and Joe Blackburn each went 2-for-5.

	R	H	E
West Lawn	200	001	001 — 4 8 3
Reading	000	301	30x — 7 12 2
W: Dennis DeJesus (4-4). L: Ryan Brobst (5-3). 2B: Ben Reifsnnyder (WL), Dennis DeJesus (R). 3B: Joe Blackburn (WL).			

■ **Going north:** While the rest of the league finishes the regular season this weekend, West Lawn will compete in the Can-Am Wooden Bat Tournament in Hamilton, Ontario.

The Owls, who finished league play at 12-10 and are still in the running for a play-off spot, were scheduled to leave this morning at 5 for the eight-team tournament.

West Lawn plays the Welland Renegades tonight at 6, takes on the Ottawa White Sox Saturday at 9 a.m. and faces the Ohio Diamond Boys Saturday at 4 p.m. in round-robin play.

The semifinals and finals will be held Sunday at Bernie Arbour Stadium.

Speaking of the Owls, 16-year-old catcher Joe Blackburn was the lone Berks player to advance to Tuesday's All-East all-star game and workout, to be held at Lackawanna County Stadium at 9:30 a.m.

Non-league

CAN-AM WOODEN BAT CLASSIC
At Hamilton, Ontario

Welland Renegades 10, West Lawn 2

Ottawa White Sox 4, West Lawn 3

Ohio Diamond Boy 6, West Lawn 2

West Lawn 10, Hamilton Athletics 6

Berks Legion

Final standings

	W	L	PCT	GB
EASTERN				
x-Boyerstown	19	3	.864	—
y-Shillington	19	3	.864	—
y-Exeter	15	7	.682	4
y-Birdsboro	12	10	.545	7
Topton	12	10	.545	7
Kutztown	10	12	.454	9
Fleetwood	9	13	.409	10
Oley	4	18	.182	15
WESTERN				
x-Muhlenberg	17	5	.773	—
y-Gregg Post	12	10	.545	5
y-West Lawn	12	10	.545	5
y-Reading	12	10	.545	5
Sch. Valley	11	11	.500	6
Hamburg	8	14	.364	9
Conrad Weiser	2	20	.091	15
Wyomissing	2	20	.091	15

x: clinched division title.
 y: clinched playoff berth.
 r: regular season champion.

■ **Blackburn advances:** West Lawn's Joe Blackburn was selected to participate in the Pennsylvania American Legion East-West All-Star Game and workout after Tuesday's All-East game and workout at Lackawanna County Stadium in Moosic.

The 6-3, 185-pound Blackburn, a 16-year-old catcher, is hitting .347 with 12 doubles, six triples, one homer and 28 RBIs for the Owls.

He competed in the Carpenter Cup Classic's Future Collegians Skills Day as a member of Berks County's scholastic all-star team last month at Veterans Stadium.

The East-West workout will be held Saturday, July 27 at Middletown, with the all-star game taking place Sunday, July 28, at Harrisburg's RiverSide Stadium at 6 p.m.

Berks Legion playoffs preview

Boyerstown Bears (33-10)

- **Coach:** Rick Moatz, 15th season, 686-185.
- **Top hitters:** CF Brian Ernst (.396, 34 RBIs), RF Matt Cotellese (.391, 3 HRs, 46 RBIs), SS Jon Kalejta (.322, 36 runs), 3B Chad Mackey (.305, 52 runs, 33 SB).
- **Top pitchers:** Righties Brad Unger (6-1, 3.73), Chad Lightcap (6-0, 2.81) and John Baird (5-1, 2.71).
- **Playoff history:** Have won 25 league titles, including 19 in past 27 years. . . . Record 37th straight Berks playoff appearance. . . . Last won title in 2000, defeating Shillington 7-2.
- **Notable:** Defeated Shillington 7-5 in one-game playoff for regular season pennant, Monday night at George Field.

Shillington Red Sox (26-6)

- **Coach:** Steve Murray, second season, 47-16.
- **Top hitters:** 2B Jason Zeigler (.400, 4 HRs, 22 RBIs, 23 runs), Jake Grauel (.378), Aaron Bertoldi (.345, 26 runs), CF Steve Savage (.310, 12 doubles), Ben Arndt (.310).
- **Top pitchers:** Righties Ryan Gerber (4-2, 3.05), Phil Futrick (7-0, 4.20), Ben Arndt (3-1, 1 save), Jason Zeigler (2-0) and Zach Lutz (1-0, 1 save).
- **Playoff history:** Have reached final in six of last nine years. . . . Won Berks titles in 1966, 1967, 1974 and 1996. . . . Last reached final in 2000, losing 7-2 to Boyerstown. . . . 12th straight league tournament appearance. . . .
- **Notable:** Went 19-3 in Eastern Division to tie Boyerstown for first place before losing in one-game playoff for regular season title. . . . Three of six losses were to Boyerstown.

Muhlenberg A's (18-6)

- **Coach:** Scott Spatz, first season, 18-6.
- **Top hitters:** 1B John Shade (.468), SS Julian Peilegrini (.419, 4 HR, 31 runs, 25 RBIs), 2B Matt Hrachko (.402, 27 runs, 11 SB), OF Dru Darkis (.367), 3B Zac Schneider (.325).
- **Top pitchers:** Lefty Jeremy Kondisko (7-0, 2.17); righties Ryan Figard (6-1) and Rick Stewart (1-0, 3.38).
- **Playoff history:** Making 16th straight Berks tournament appearance. . . . Won lone title in 1980, defeating Boyerstown 2-1 in finale of best-of-three title series. . . . Reached final in 1999 and last year.
- **Notable:** Won Western Division with 17-5 record. . . . Had won 10-of-11 before losing regular season finale to Shillington.

Exeter Blue Jays (28-10)

- **Coach:** Phil Raccuglia, first season, 26-10.
- **Top hitters:** 1B Tim Grenko (.421), 2B Kyle Stover (.394), 3B Zach Groh (.381), 27 RBIs), SS Aaron Warchal

■ **What:** Berks Legion League playoff tournament.

■ **Format:** Eight teams, double elimination.

■ **Who's competing:** Eastern Division champion Boyerstown, Shillington, Western Division champion Muhlenberg, Exeter, Gregg Post, West Lawn, Reading and Birdsboro.

■ **At stake:** The winner advances to the Pennsylvania Region. The runner-up at Shillington should be regular season champion Boyerstown with the tournament being the runner-up, should advance to regional.

■ **Thursday's first-round matchups:** Boyerstown vs. Birdsboro at Bear Stadium; 7:05 Exeter vs. Gregg Post at Reading; 5: Shillington vs. West Lawn at Coopersfield.

■ **Last year:** Birdsboro failed to qualify in the bottom of the tournament to defeat Muhlenberg 7-6 in the championship game at George Field.

(.333, 45 runs), CF Pete Jordan (.324, 33 runs).

■ **Top pitchers:** Righties Kyle Sadowski (7-0, 2.45; 78 Ks in 55 1/3 innings), Zach Groh (5-2, 2.45) and Phil Rummel (3-1, 1.91).

■ **Playoff history:** Have never won Berks title or advanced to final. . . . Ninth straight league playoff appearance.

■ **Notable:** Finished third in Eastern Division with 15-7 record. . . . Grenko has a 20-game hitting streak.

Gregg Post Keys (15-12)

- **Coach:** Charlie Flannery, 20th season, 223-258.
- **Top hitters:** Jared Helms (.376), Tyler Pennepacker (.363), Edwin Tavaraz (.362), 2B Leon Adams (.333), Nate Luigard (.333).
- **Top pitchers:** Righties Tyler Pennepacker (6-2, 2.44), Leon Adams (5-2, 2.63) and Art Gehret (2-3, 3.12).
- **Playoff history:** Seeking first playoff win since 1989. . . . Second straight Berks playoff appearance. . . . Have won a record 27 Berks titles, the last coming in 1973. . . . Last reached final in 1975, losing 3-2 to Boyerstown in final of best-of-three series.
- **Notable:** Finished in three-way tie for second in Western

Division with 12-10 mark. . . . Started 9-1 in league play before losing 3-of-12.

West Lawn Owls (18-18)

- **Coach:** Tony Matz III, 16th season, 464-201.
- **Top hitters:** C Joe Blackburn (.347, 28 RBIs), OF Ben Reitsnyder (.336, 33 runs), SS Jim Shipe (.331, 33 runs), 2B Ricky Zska (.331), 30 runs, 29 RBIs).
- **Top pitchers:** Righties Ryan Brobst (5-5) and Ryan Szwarski (5-3); lefty Ben Reitsnyder (3-5).
- **Playoff history:** Returning to playoffs after one-year absence. . . . Have reached final six times since league went to double-elimination format in 1989. . . . Won Berks titles in 1960, 1961, 1962, 1991 and 1999.
- **Notable:** Finished tied for second in Western Division with 12-10 mark. . . . Blackburn, a 16-year-old, advanced to Pennsylvania East-West all-star game and workout.

Reading White Sox (12-11)

- **Coach:** Chad Denunzio, fifth season, 49-42.
- **Top hitters:** OF Pepe Montano (.426), C Jose Hernandez (.393, 34 runs), 2B Kyle Warrich (.376), 1B Randy Carbo (.366).
- **Top pitchers:** Righties Dennis DeJesus (5-4, 3.66), Jon Sobo (2-3, 3.01) and Robert Evans (2-4).
- **Playoff history:** Returning to Berks tournament after a two-year absence. . . . Making second appearance since 1994. . . . Reached championship game in 1990 (when team was known as Artisan), losing to Boyerstown. Also lost 2-1 to Boyerstown in 1959 championship game, when team was known as Pilsner.
- **Notable:** Finished in a three-way tie for second in Western Division with 12-10 mark. . . . Won 5-of-7 to close out league season.

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Birdsboro Orioles (19-17)

- **Coach:** Chris Drowne, fourth season, 83-48.
- **Top hitters:** 1B Ty Brewer (.491, 4 HRs, 39 runs, 35 RBIs), SS Eric Everhart (.419), OF Jason Olszenske (.361), IF Jay Richter (.329).
- **Top pitchers:** Lefty Steve Olszenske (4-2); righties Jason Olszenske (4-4) and Jay Richter (3-0).
- **Playoff history:** Defending league champion making seventh straight Berks playoff appearance. . . . Defeated Muhlenberg 7-6 in title game last season. . . . Also won championship in 1997; reached final in 1991.
- **Notable:** Finished tied for fourth in Eastern Division with 12-10 record. . . . Defeated Tooton 12-6 in playoff for final tournament berth Monday at Bear Stadium.

—Compiled by Darryl Grumling

Figard pitches Muhlenberg past Owls; Bears blast O's

From our news staff

Muhlenberg Legion coach Scott Spatz rolled the dice in Thursday's Berks Legion League playoff opener.

He decided to start No. 2 pitcher Ryan Figard against West Lawn instead of ace lefty Jeremy Kondisko.

"It was a gamble, but Ryan's pitched well for us all season," Spatz said.

Figard bounced back from his lone loss of the season four days earlier against Shillington to fire a four-hitter as the A's defeated the Owls 3-1 at Gochnauer Field.

Western Division champion Muhlenberg (19-6), the No. 3 seed, faces second seed Shillington (27-6) in a winners bracket semifinal tonight at Shillington at 5.

Sixth-seeded West Lawn (18-19) takes on seventh-seeded Reading (12-12) in an elimination game at Owls Field at 7:05.

Muhlenberg broke a 1-1 tie in the sixth when Julian Pellegrini, Zac Schneider and John Shade each hit consecutive doubles.

Figard (7-1), a right-hander, struck out two and didn't allow an earned run.

The A's got on the board in the fifth on Tyler Long's sacrifice fly before the Owls tied it in the sixth when Matt Bainbridge drew a bases-loaded walk.

Shade (2-for-4) and West Lawn's Joe Blackburn, who doubled and scored, were named game MVPs by the Reading Hot Stovers.

Right-hander Ryan Brobst and Rick Ziska combined on a six-hitter in defeat.

WEST LAWN				MUHLENBERG			
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Ji. Shipe ss	4	0	0	Hracho 2b	4	0	0
Ziska 2b	4	0	0	Kondisko cf	4	0	0
Rifsnyder lf	4	0	0	Pellegrini ss	3	1	1
Blackburn c	4	1	1	Schneider 3b	4	1	1
Williams 3b	2	0	0	Shade 1b	4	1	2
Barnett 1b	3	0	1	McGinley lf	3	0	0
Ja. Shipe ph	1	0	0	Seward c	3	0	2
Bainbridge cf	1	0	1	Long rf	2	0	1
Krise ph	1	0	1	Figard p	3	0	0
Walter rf	4	0	1				
Brobst p	3	0	0				
McDavid 2b	0	0	0				
Totals	31	1	4	30	3	6	3
West Lawn.....	000	001	000	—	1	4	1
Muhlenberg.....	000	012	00x	—	3	6	2

E: Williams, Figard, Hracho. DP: Muhlenberg 1. LOB: West Lawn 7, Muhlenberg 5. 2B: Blackburn, Pellegrini, Shade, Schneider. SB: Rifsnyder. SF: Long. S: Barnett, Long.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
West Lawn Owls						
Brobst L, 5-6	6 2/3	6	3	3	1	3
Ziska	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	1
Pitcher	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muhlenberg A's						
Figard W, 7-1	9	4	1	0	3	2

HBP: by Figard (Williams, Bainbridge). T: 2:15. A: 400.

Berks Legion playoffs

Reading rallies late for win

From our news staff

Randy Carlo hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning and Steve Kuzio delivered a two-run single in the eighth as Reading broke open a close game and beat West Lawn 6-3 in a Berks Legion League playoff elimination game Friday night at Owls Field.

The seventh-seeded White Sox (13-12) were scheduled to play the loser of a Friday winner's bracket game between Exeter and Boyertown today at 3:35 p.m. at Muhlenberg. Due to a rain delay, the Exeter-Boyertown game was not complete at press time.

The result of an elimination game between Birdsboro and Gregg Post also was unavailable at press time due to a rain delay.

Reading led 2-1 when Carlo homered following a single by Jose Hernandez. The White Sox extended their lead in the eighth after Javier Rivera singled and Geoff Nagle reached on an error. Winning pitcher Jon Soto delivered a sacrifice bunt and Kuzio followed with his two-run single.

Soto went 7 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings for the win, allowing three runs on seven hits. Juan Garcia pitched the final 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ innings, working out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth, for the save.

Hernandez, Pepe Montalvo, Rivera, Nagle and Kuzio all had two hits for Reading, which had 13 hits.

Ben Reifsnnyder went 4-for-5 and scored twice and Joe Blackburn drove in two runs for West Lawn (18-20).

READING				WEST LAWN			
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Wenrich 2b	5	1	0	Ji. Shippe ss	5	0	0
Hernandez c	5	2	0	Ziska 2b	4	1	0
Montalvo lf	5	0	2	Reifsnnyder lf	5	2	4
Carlo 1b	5	1	2	Blackburn c	4	0	1
DeJesus ss	5	0	0	Williams 3b	3	0	1
Rivera rf	4	1	2	Kriske 1b	4	0	1
Nagle 3b	3	1	2	Bnbrge cf	3	0	1
Soto p	3	0	1	Ja. Shippe rf	1	0	1
Kuzio cf	4	0	2	Stavarski p	0	0	0
Rosa pr	0	1	0	Walter rf	1	0	0
Garcia p	1	0	0	Glarranto rf	1	0	0
Totals	40	6	13	32	3	8	3
Reading	001	100	220	6	13	0	
West Lawn	100	000	020	0	4		

E: Jaka Shippe, Jim Shippe 3. DP: West Lawn 1.
 LOB: Reading 9; West Lawn 10. 2B: Reifsnnyder.
 HR: Carlo. SB: Reifsnnyder. S: Nagle, Soto, Stavarski. SF: Blackburn.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Reading						
Soto W, 3-2	7 $\frac{1}{3}$	7	3	3	5	6
Garcia S	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	0	1
West Lawn						
Stavarski L, 4-2	7 $\frac{1}{3}$	12	6	4	0	1
Walter	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	0	3

HBP: by Soto (Stavarski). WP: Stavarski. T: 2:25. A: 90.



Darryl Grumling

Count on Legion for sizzle

In a summer of high temperatures and low rainfall, the Berks Legion League waged a hot regular season and sizzling postseason.

Here's a final look, by the numbers:

6: Berks player who advanced to the Pennsylvania American Legion East-West all-star game and workout at Harrisburg: West Lawn catcher Joey Blackburn.

6: Times that Boyertown and Shillington played this season. The Bears won both league meetings, then beat the Red Sox 7-5 in a one-game playoff for the regular season pennant.

Shillington won back-to-back games in the Berks playoffs, including in the league final, and beat the Bears 7-4 in a Region 2 Tournament elimination game.

6: Straight seasons a Berks team had participated in the Pennsylvania State Tournament until that streak ended this season. It was only the second time since 1985 and just the third since 1974 that a county team failed to make the state tourney.

9: First-inning runs by Boyertown in a 16-11 Mid-Atlantic Region 2 Tournament victory over Richmond, Va

12: Innings it took Shillington to outlast Boyertown 8-7 in one of the most thrilling championship games in league history.

Shillington's Zach Lutz hit a solo homer in the top of the 11th to break a 6-6 tie before Boyer-



Reading Eagle

Berks champ Shillington had plenty of reasons to celebrate during its 34-9 Legion season in 2002.

Coming Sunday

■ 2002 Berks Legion all-stars.

town's Matt Dierolf delivered a game-tying two-out RBI single in the bottom half.

In the 12th, Shillington's Steve Savage doubled in Jason Zeigler with the go-ahead run. Then, with runners on second and third and one out in the bottom half, Red Sox center fielder Aaron Bertoldi turned Jon Kalejta's potential game-winning liner into a game-ending double play with a spectacular diving grab.

12-10: Topton's league record, the best in the Rams' 13-year history. Topton came within a win of qualifying for the Berks playoffs for the first time, but did not get a historic 3-0 win over Boyertown July 9 on T.J. Chrusch's two-hitter. The Rams' 14 overall wins were also their most ever.

13: Runs that Boyertown scored in the bottom of the seventh of the Berks playoff tournament winners bracket final to

turn a 5-4 deficit into a 17-5 win against Muhlenberg.

14: Strikeouts by Shillington ace right-hander Ryan Gerber in a 9-3 Berks playoff victory over Exeter that clinched a Region 2 Tournament berth.

18: Players eligible to return (out of 18) on Boyertown's roster, after the youngest team in the Bears' storied history went 40-17. Boyertown won the Berks regular season title, reached the final of the league's playoff tournament and the winners bracket final of the Pennsylvania Region 2 Tournament and went 1-2 in the Mid-Atlantic National Region 2 Tournament at Bear Stadium.

20: Career wins by Muhlenberg ace left-hander Jeremy Kondisko, who was 8-0 with a 2.22 ERA for the Western Division champion As this season.

22: Runs scored by Boyertown in a 22-4 Region 2 Tournament rout of Freemansburg, in which Chad Lightcap went 3-for-4 with a homer, double, two RBIs and four runs.

23: Consecutive games with a

hit by Exeter's Tim Grenko before going 0-for-4 in an 8-5 Berks playoff victory over Muhlenberg.

28: Consecutive years that a Berks team has played in the Region 2 final. Shillington reached the state regional final at Quakertown before losing 13-3 to Hatfield, which won its second straight title. The Red Sox have reached the title game in all eight of their Region 2 appearances.

29: Number of victories by Exeter, a franchise record. Behind a strong pitching staff headed by Kyle Sadlowski and a veteran lineup led by Pete Jordan, the Blue Jays came within a win of their first state regional berth.

75 1/2: Innings thrown by Reading workhorse righty Dennis DeJesus, including 22 in the final week to help the White Sox qualify for the Berks playoffs.

506: Average in league play by Birdsboro's Ty Brewer, earning him the batting title.

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Berks Legion final stats

Batting

(Minimum 40 at-bats; league games only)

Player, team	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
Ty Brewer, Bird	33	43	4	30	3	506	
Abu Yeakee, Kutz	76	22	36	0	28	4	.462
John Shadle, Muhl	79	24	36	2	24	1	.455
Jose Hernandez, Read	88	36	40	2	20	11	.447
Brian Ernst, Boy	76	26	34	0	18	1	.440
Papa Montalvo, Read	84	21	37	0	18	4	.430
Jason Zaigler, Skill	86	24	37	0	21	4	.429
Jon Meyer, Oley	91	23	39	0	1	6	.429
Julian Pellegrini, Muhl	75	22	32	0	4	7	.427
Mark Schroeder, Ham	66	22	28	0	11	15	.426
Brad Unger, Boy	71	15	29	1	21	4	.408
Zack Meek, Top	81	14	33	4	21	1	.407
Eric Everhart, Bird	84	22	34	0	21	8	.405
Matt Hrecho, Muhl	94	27	38	0	14	10	.404
Zach Groh, Ex	62	16	25	0	23	3	.403
Matt Gardner, Fleet	79	19	35	4	22	2	.392
Jeff Hamer, SV	51	17	30	0	16	7	.380
James Orngallo, Boy	70	18	30	2	20	6	.373
Eric Mikstiz, Oley	51	20	19	1	15	7	.373
Tim Stahman, Skill	51	20	19	1	15	7	.373
Jerred Nusscaiden, CW	36	21	32	1	13	15	.372

Pitching

(Minimum four appearances)

Player, team	IP	W-L	S	BB	K	ERA
Tyler Pennepacker, Gregg	49.1	6-1	0	17	49	1.64
Phil Rummel, Ex	26	2-1	0	7	20	2.08
Jeremy Kondrisko, Muhl	58	7-0	0	7	55	2.33
Ricky Ziska, WL	6	0-0	2	1	9	2.57
Jason Zaigler, Skill	17	2-0	1	8	11	2.65
John Baird, Boy	40.2	4-0	0	11	32	2.66
Chad Lightcap, Boy	46	4-1	0	30	17	2.74
Berry Koch, Fleet	47.1	6-0	0	19	38	2.66
Eric Everhart, Bird	61	0-1	1	2	6	2.94
Ryan Barber, Skill	43.1	4-2	0	17	41	2.91
Jason Sobotka, Oley	12.1	0-0	0	17	3	2.92

Player	Ty	Brewer	Birdsboro	Tyler	Pennepacker	Gregg Post	
Gary Heestler, Boy	15.1	1-1	1	1	9	14	2.94
Tim Carr, Skill	17.2	2-0	0	0	8	13	3.06
Leon Adams, Gregg	32	5-2	0	15	40	3.26	
Zach Groh, Ex	38.2	5-2	0	18	21	3.27	
Ben Arruti, Skill	27	1-1	0	16	17	3.33	
Kevin Morandi, Muhl	27	1-1	0	15	39	3.44	
Ryan Brobst, WL	55	5-3	0	17	44	3.64	
Brad Unger, Boy	47	4-1	0	20	17	3.69	
Jon Sobo, Read	31.2	2-2	0	4	2	3.72	
D.L. Evans, Ex	52	0-0	0	13	21	3.75	
Rick Stewart, Muhl	24	2-0	0	2	1	3.81	
Matt Veller, Fleet	52	2-3	1	35	77	3.82	
Dennis DeJesus, Read	75.1	5-4	0	2	3	3.86	
Ben Walter, WL	7	0-1	0	0	2	3	3.86
Kyle Sadowski, Ex	38.1	5-0	0	17	38	4.01	
Kyle Bradescione, Ham	42.2	0-4	0	19	38	4.01	
T.L. Ormsuch, Top	67	6-2	1	14	64	4.16	
Kyle Hartman, Wyo	32.1	0-3	0	12	23	4.18	

Standings

EASTERN DIVISION	League	Overall		
xr-Bovertown	.19	3	40	17
yz-Shillington	.19	3	34	9
y-Exeter	.15	7	29	12
y-Birdsboro	.12	10	20	19
Topton	.12	10	14	11
Kutztown	.10	12	12	15
Fleetwood	.09	13	10	14
Oley	.04	18	6	25

WESTERN DIVISION	League	Overall		
x-Muhlenberg	.17	5	20	8
y-Gregg Post	.12	10	15	15
y-West Lawn	.12	10	18	20
y-Reading	.12	10	13	13
Schuykill Valley	.11	11	16	11
Hamburg	.08	14	9	18
Conrad Weiser	.02	20	3	21
Wyomissing	.02	20	2	20

x: clinched division title; y: clinched playoff berth; r: regular season champion; z: Berks champion.



2002 Berks Legion All-Star team

League awards

MVP: Ty Brewer, Birdsboro.
Most Valuable Pitcher: Jeremy Kondisko, Muhlenberg.
Team sportsmanship: Exeter.

Ty Brewer, Birdsboro

Brewer, an 18-year-old first baseman, hit 506 with four homers, 33 runs and 30 RBIs for the Orioles (12-10 East, 20-19), who advanced to the third round of the Berks playoff tournament. The 6-3, 235-pound Brewer had 10 doubles on the way to a .788 slugging percentage.



Ty Brewer

Chris Drowne said, "For Ty having missed high school season (due to academic ineligibility) makes what he did this summer all the more impressive."

Brian Ernst, Boyertown

A 17-year-old center fielder, Ernst hit .447 with two homers, 28 RBIs and 26 runs for the Berks regular season champion Bears (19-3 East, 40-17). He stole 11 bases and had eight doubles and three triples while slugging .711.

"Brian was the staple of our outfield," Boyertown coach Rick Moatz said. "He got hot at the end of the regular season and in the playoffs, and he did a great job in both the second and third holes in our lineup."

Chad Lightcap, Boyertown

The 16-year-old Lightcap excelled both as a pitcher and outfielder for the Bears. On the mound, the righty was 6-0 with a 2.66 ERA in 47 1/3 innings. At the plate, the left fielder hit .436.

"Chad was certainly a pleasant surprise for us," Boyertown coach Rick Moatz said. "We were counting on him to be in our rotation, but not our one or two guy. He helped us both pitching-wise and with the bat."

Brad Unger, Boyertown

The 6-6 Unger stood tall on the mound and at the plate for the Bears. A 16-year-old, Unger hit .408 during league play. The right-hander compiled a 4-1 pitching record with a 3.64 ERA and 44 strikeouts in 47 innings.

Brad pitched in big games, played a great first base and was our most clutch hitter," Bears coach Rick Moatz said. "He battled through a lot of big games we needed him to start and win."

Kyle Sadowski, Exeter

The 18-year-old Sadowski, a hard-throwing right-hander, went 5-0 with a 3.99 ERA and 53 strikeouts in 38 1/3 innings for the Blue Jays (15-7 East, 29-12), who won the most games in team history.

"Every time I sent him out there, he gave a solid effort," Exeter coach Phil Raccuglia said. "There were times he was simply dominating."

Tyler Pennepacker, Gregg Post

Pennepacker, a 17-year-old who played outfield and pitched, hit .363 with one homer, 18 RBIs and 20 runs for the Keys (12-10 West, 15-15), in 49 1/3 innings, he went 6-1 with 49 strikeouts and a league-low 1.64 ERA.

"Tyler was our go-to guy on the mound, and a very consistent hitter," Gregg Post coach Charlie Flannery said. "He has a lot of natural talent, and if he keeps developing at the rate he has the last two years, he'll have a nice future in baseball."



Reading Eagle: Dana Staskowski

Muhlenberg's Jeremy Kondisko weaved a 7-0 record with 55 strikeouts and just seven walks in 58 innings.

Jeremy Kondisko, Muhlenberg

Kondisko, an 18-year-old left-hander, was 7-0 with a 2.33 ERA, 55 strikeouts and just seven walks in 58 innings for the As (17-5 West, 20-8). He went the route in an 8-3 winners bracket semifinal victory over eventual champion Shillington in the Berks playoffs.

"We knew whenever Jeremy went to the mound, we always had a good chance of winning," Muhlenberg coach Scott Spatz said. "He was our top guy on the mound, and offensively he contributed some very big hits."

Julian Pellegrini, Muhlenberg

A 17-year-old shortstop, Pellegrini hit .427 with four homers, 32 runs and 25 RBIs for the Western Division champion As. Despite missing a week in the middle of the season due to an arm injury, he had six doubles, six triples and slugged .827.

"Julian struggled a little right around the time he was hurt, but he ended the season very strong," As coach Scott Spatz said. "For the first time, a lot of teams pitched around him this year, but he learned how to adjust to it."

John Shade, Muhlenberg

The lefty-throwing Shade, an 18-year-old, used his sweet stroke to hit a team-high 462 with six doubles, seven triples, 28 RBIs and 22 runs for the As.

"Over the last five years, we've been blessed with some outstanding first basemen," Muhlenberg coach Scott Spatz said. "John fits right in with them. He was a quiet offensive player, but he came up in big situations and came through. He was clutch for us all season."

Jon Moyer, Oley

The 17-year-old Moyer, a shortstop and second baseman, hit .429 with 23 runs and stole a league-best 26 bases for the Lynx (4-18 East, 6-25).

"Jon is an extremely hard-nosed kid," Oley coach Mike Remien said. "The fiercest competitor I've ever coached. It seemed like he was on the base all the time this year."

Jose Hernandez, Reading

Hernandez, an 18-year-old catcher, hit .455 with two homers, 20 RBIs and 36 runs for the playoff-qualifying White Sox (12-10 West, 13-13). He had 12 doubles and three triples and wound up slugging .727.

"Jose caught every inning for us," Reading coach Chad Demunzio said. "He worked well with our pitchers and took the pressure off them. He's definitely going to be our biggest loss."

Ryan Gerber, Shillington

Gerber, a 17-year-old pitcher, was the ace of the Red Sox staff. He posted a 4-2 record with a 2.91 ERA and 41 strikeouts in 43 1/3 innings for Shillington (34-9), which won the Berks title and advanced to the Region 2 Tournament championship.

"Ryan threw well for us all year," Shillington coach Steve Murray said. "but he really stepped up in the postseason. He was the guy we put out there when we had to win."

Jason Zeigler, Shillington

Zeigler, a 17-year-old, was a versatile and valuable member of the Berks champion Red Sox. Playing first, second and third base, he hit .430 with four homers, 21 RBIs and 24 runs for Shillington, and had six doubles and two triples for a .686 slugging percentage.

"Jason did it all for us," Red Sox coach Steve Murray said. "He hit well, played solid defense and stepped up as a pitcher when we needed him to."

Ben Reifsnnyder, West Lawn

The 17-year-old Reifsnnyder hit .365 with 25 runs for the Owls (12-10 West, 18-15). A right-handed hitter and left-handed pitcher, he also had five doubles, four triples and nine stolen bases while posting a .22 pitching record.

"Ben was a very intense player," Owls assistant coach Steve Carroll said. "He came to play every day. He was important to the team as a leader."

2002 West Lawn Owls Baseball
Hitting Statistics - League Games

Name	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	SAC	SB	AVG
Ben Reifsnyder	21	72	22	27	16	6	4	0	14	16	0	11	0.375
Ben Rusnak	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.000
Ben Walter	11	12	4	4	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0.333
Billy Lodek	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Chris McDavid	12	13	1	3	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0.231
Dan Dunn	14	15	5	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0.133
Drew Barnett	20	48	10	11	14	2	0	0	9	11	5	0	0.229
Jake Shipe	20	58	10	16	12	2	2	0	7	7	8	1	0.276
Jim Shipe	21	85	21	28	16	6	1	1	8	12	2	9	0.329
Joe Blackburn	20	76	13	25	16	6	4	1	10	9	5	2	0.329
John Giarratano	18	24	8	6	5	0	0	0	7	4	1	1	0.250
Marc Hampson	15	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0.333
Matt Bainbridge	22	67	14	15	5	0	0	0	20	14	7	3	0.224
Rick Ziska	22	80	14	24	19	2	2	0	6	19	3	4	0.300
Ryan Brobst	9	15	4	3	2	0	0	0	6	5	4	0	0.200
Ryan Stavarski	16	44	7	11	5	1	1	0	12	2	2	0	0.250
Todd Krise	17	37	3	5	4	0	0	0	11	7	2	1	0.135
Zack Williams	18	51	7	17	7	1	0	0	5	10	4	0	0.333
Team	22	705	146	198	124	27	14	2	126	120	43	33	0.281

2002 West Lawn Owls Basesball
Pitching Statistics - League Games

Name	G	W	L	S	Starts	Comp	INN	Runs	ER	AB	H	SO	BB	HP	ERA
Ben Reifsnyder	7	2	3	0	6	2	38.1	34	28	167	50	23	23	0	6.57
Ben Rusnak	7	0	1	0	4	0	18.2	16	16	89	27	13	17	1	7.72
Ben Walter	6	0	1	0	1	0	7	3	3	28	9	3	1	1	3.86
Billy Lodek	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0.00
Jim Shipe	3	0	0	0	0	0	5.2	9	8	26	10	4	5	0	12.72
Marc Hampson	5	0	0	0	0	0	8.2	12	7	43	19	2	0	0	7.27
Rick Ziska	6	0	0	2	0	0	6.2	2	2	25	4	8	1	0	2.70
Ryan Brobst	8	5	3	0	6	1	54	25	21	217	58	39	16	7	3.47
Ryan Stavariski	5	4	1	0	5	1	38.2	22	16	165	51	23	11	5	3.72
Todd Krise	4	1	1	0	0	0	7	4	4	29	5	5	6	1	5.14
Team	22	12	10	2	22	4	185.2	127	105	792	233	120	80	15	5.09

2002 West Lawn Owls Basesball Hitting Statistics - All Games

Name	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	SAC	SB	AVG
Andy Rowan	7	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0.000
Ben Reifsnyder	35	118	32	41	20	8	4	0	27	21	1	24	0.347
Ben Rusnak	13	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0.000
Ben Walter	23	28	6	6	2	0	0	0	8	3	0	1	0.214
Billy Lodek	6	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.000
Chris McDavid	17	21	3	4	3	2	0	0	6	1	0	0	0.190
Dan Dunn	27	39	11	5	2	1	0	0	12	6	1	1	0.128
Drew Barnett	37	84	17	21	16	2	0	0	13	19	5	0	0.250
Jake Shipe	34	93	16	25	15	3	3	0	11	11	8	1	0.269
Jim Shipe	39	137	32	40	25	8	1	1	19	23	5	19	0.292
Joe Blackburn	38	135	22	45	30	13	6	1	28	14	8	3	0.333
John Giarratano	34	50	16	13	7	1	0	0	12	13	2	2	0.260
Marc Hampson	25	12	4	2	3	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0.167
Matt Bainbridge	37	100	24	24	10	0	0	0	29	26	8	4	0.240
Rick Ziska	40	137	30	43	29	4	2	0	14	32	9	8	0.314
Ryan Brobst	21	28	5	3	2	0	0	0	11	8	4	0	0.107
Ryan Stavarski	30	73	8	15	5	1	1	0	24	3	3	0	0.205
Todd Krise	34	77	8	18	14	2	0	0	20	17	3	2	0.234
Zack Williams	34	93	10	26	13	1	0	0	12	23	6	0	0.280
Team	40	1244	247	331	197	46	17	2	256	230	64	65	0.266

2002 West Lawn Owls Baseball Pitching Statistics - All Games

Name	G	W	L	S	Starts	Comp	INN	Runs	ER	AB	H	SO	BB	HP	ERA
Andy Rowan	5	0	0	0	0	0	7.2	21	14	43	17	5	10	1	16.45
Ben Reifsnnyder	11	3	5	0	9	2	55.1	52	42	245	79	31	31	0	6.83
Ben Rusnak	11	0	2	0	7	0	37	33	29	169	53	31	24	3	6.97
Ben Walter	12	1	1	0	1	0	18.2	9	9	74	21	16	1	2	4.34
Billy Lodek	6	1	1	0	2	0	13.1	22	21	64	26	6	14	0	14.18
Jake Shipe	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	8	2	1	6	0	13.50
Jim Shipe	5	0	0	0	0	0	8.2	12	8	39	13	4	6	0	8.31
Marc Hampson	9	0	1	0	1	0	18.1	23	16	84	33	4	5	0	7.86
Matt Bainbridge	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0.00
Rick Ziska	10	0	0	2	0	0	16	4	3	57	11	17	4	0	1.64
Ryan Brobst	13	5	6	1	10	1	76.2	38	32	305	78	46	21	9	3.76
Ryan Stavariski	11	5	4	0	10	1	64	48	35	287	88	39	18	10	4.89
Todd Krise	9	2	1	0	0	0	15.1	12	11	71	18	12	13	2	6.46
Team	40	18	21	4	40	4	334	277	223	1450	440	212	153	27	6.00