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## **West Haven Twilight League Weekly Recap: July 28 – August 1** **A-Plus Plumbing and Zingaro & Cretella advance to NABF Regionals**

### **A-Plus Plumbing 4, Zingaro & Cretella Reds 3**

A-Plus clinched another league title and a trip to the NABF Northeast Regional tournament with the victory. A-Plus scored the winning run in the fifth inning. Ryan Cimino drew a two-out walk and came around to score his second run of the game on a Jim Tzoikas single. Dave Migani went two for three with two RBI to keep the Reds in the game. Pitchers Ed Bethke and Brian Gouin combined for the win.

### **Columbus Auto Body Bears 6, Bank of Southern CT 2**

Columbus took advantage of the Bank's to score 5 runs in the third inning. Pitcher Dan Martin walked three in the inning and allowed a run on a wild pitch. Joe Smeraglino had another solid performance on the mound and held on to striking out nine on his way to the complete game win.

### **Zingaro & Cretella Reds 2, Baybrook Remodelers 1**

In one of the best games of the season, Zingaro and Cretella earned their spot in Thursday's playoff courtesy of a walk-off single by Mike Aquilino. The Reds carried a one-run lead into the final frame, but Baybrook's fundamental play brought them even. Brett Conner lead off the inning with a single and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt from Kyle Bombace. Conner then came around to score on Joe Misinonile's RBI double. Jeff King lead off the bottom of the inning with a double of his own. King would move to third on Dave Migani's single before Aquilino drove him home to win it.

### **Bank of Southern CT 5, Zingaro and Cretella Reds 3**

The Bank came out on top thanks to timely hitting. Down by a run in the second, the Bank scored two to take the lead. The Reds came back with two of their own the following inning to regain their slim one-run lead. In the fourth, the Bank pulled away scoring three runs, with two crossing the plate thanks to Bill Murray's two-out double.

### **A-Plus Plumbing 8, O'Keefe's Baseball Academy 7**

With A-Plus having already clinched the Twilight League championship and O'Keefe's mired in last place, one would have expected this game to be a non-event, but this match-up was anything

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but stale. A-Plus took a 4-1 lead in the third inning, but lost it in the bottom of the frame as O'Keefe's plated six runs – they had only scored six or more runs in a game twice in the season, both in losses. Cesar Gutierrez, Paul Arce, and Jeff Bradanini each drove in a run in the inning, and teammate Rob Gamberdella knocked in two of his own. A-Plus came back the next inning to score four and take back the lead for good. The winning run Brian Gouin scored the winning run for the champs when Alan Barbaro walked with the bases loaded.

### **Bob Greenwood Playoff**

#### **Zingaro & Cretella Reds 8, Columbus Auto Body Bears 3**

Columbus left the bases loaded in the top of the first inning, and their luck would not get any better from there as the Reds cruised to victory. Reds pitcher Todd Defrancisco survived eight walks in the complete game to come away with the victory. At the plate, Mike Aquilino came up big again for the Reds by going four for four, scoring twice, and driving in two. With the win, Zingaro and Cretella advanced to play league runner-up Baybrook Remodelers for a bid in the NABF Northeast Regional tournament.

#### **Zingaro & Cretella Reds 3, Baybrook Remodelers 2**

Baybrook Remodelers stood at the top of the standings for the majority of the season, but fell on hard times the last few weeks of the season. They looked poised to snap out of their funk and carry on in the postseason as they jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first. Joe Misinonile was driven in by Kyle Bombace and Mike Lucas scored when Dave Miller earned a walk with the bases loaded. Although that was the end of the offense for Baybrook, pitcher Kyle Befus was determined to make the lead stand up until he began to fade in the fourth. Mike Aquilino was back at it as he drove in the opening run for the Reds, knocking a sacrifice fly to right field to score Jeff King. Zingaro and Cretella wrapped it up the following inning.

Dave Migani walked with the bases loaded scoring Rafael Colon to tie the game. Then Aquilino came up in a big spot again and singled to bring home J.D. Lewis with the winning run. Lewis did the job on the mound as well, keeping the potent Baybrook offense at bay over the final six innings. Zingaro & Cretella join A-Plus Plumbing to represent the Twilight League in the NABF Northeast Regional tournament. The tournament, held in West Haven from August 7-10, features teams from Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts, with the winner competing in the NABF World Series in Louisville, Kentucky.

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