



KEEPING A FAST PACE...Union Catholic's Brian Guterl, front, is being drafted by Colts Neck's Craig Forsy who eventually wins the 1600 in 4:09.59. Guterl finished fourth with a personal-best 4:16.11.



AWAITING HIS TURN TO THROW...Blue Devil junior Brandon Heroux finished 10th in the javelin at the Meet of Champions with a toss of 179' 2". He just missed the final round by nine inches.

Kalmar Taps Title, Conquers Chrono's Tavern in 2 Games

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play and it just did not happen but that's the way it goes. I'm proud of these guys."

Kalmar's Jeff Bubnowski (2-for-4) led the 20-hit attack with a three-run homer and two runs scored. Joe Huss had two doubles, two singles and added two RBI. Paul DeFrancesco (3-for-4) bashed a homer and Anthony Ziobro (3-for-4) contributed an RBI. Eric Biggerman doubled and added an RBI. Ryan Doyle ripped two singles and an RBI and Justin Doyle had two singles. Ralph Santiago, Johnny Tropiano and Andy DePalma each rapped singles.

Doyle exhibited several fine plays at short and second baseman Biggerman stopped a bouncer and threw to DePalma to nab a Chroner at the plate.

Kalmar's DeFrancesco plastered a two-run blast in the top of the first. Chrono's immediately answered with three runs. Augenstein singled, Peretz walked and Breuninger slapped an RBI single. DeRosa tapped a two-run single.

Chrono's lights were dimmed when Kalmar jolted seven runs in the fifth. Bubnowski belted his three-run homer. Joe Huss and Biggerman each smashed two-run doubles to take a 9-8 lead.

"Our bats were silent because they were like cricket bats! They're dead! They're like triangles. Santiago told us in the fifth, if we go two hits we'll break it wide open and we went six in

a row with one out," said Tropiano. Ziobro smacked an RBI double in the sixth. Then Chrono's foamed with four runs on four hits. Peretz bubbled a two-run double, Breuninger wrapped an RBI sac fly and Smith lifted an RBI double to make the score 12-9.

In the seventh, DePalma lashed a leadoff single and scored on Huss's double. Ryan Doyle pushed home Huss, and Bubnowski added the finishing touch by lining a gapper that was bobbed, allowing two runs to dance home.

"I thought the guy missed second; however, the ump did not see it that way. That's his call but we still should have held them," said Bradley.

Little mercy was offered in Game 2 when Kalmar closed down Chrono's Tavern with a 31-6 siege. The attack clouded the skies with a 38-hit shelling that included 13 home runs, nine which burst onto Route 22. The shootout began with five runs in the first inning, eight in the second and six runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings.

"How come nobody can catch any ball out there," hollered Breuninger. "You let them fly over your heads and over the fence. I don't understand."

Shaken but still looking tough in the bottom of the third, Smith yelled, "Hey guys, we have the hammer now." Chrono's pinged with two runs on four hits. Sheper and Heinz each singled, Augenstein drilled an RBI single and was brought home by Perrotta's sacrifice fly ball to center.

Chrono's scored their final four runs in the fifth. Sheper and Augenstein singled and scored when Peretz launched his home run blast over the centerfield fence.

"That's the way to show off your stuff," yelled Breuninger. "If we do this 75 more times, we'll be okay."

Smith hollered loudly, "Neal, do you have the white flag?"

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Explosive Final Shove Earns Alleman MOC Shot Put Title

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made it by a few inches. Then I said I got to step it up if I want to get a medal. I was so nervous. At the same time I said I got to rise to the occasion. I will never throw one of these again. I am going to play football on a football scholarship. This is my last time throwing a shot put. It's the best memory of my life!"

"I wouldn't be as good as I am without him. Ollie's always been pushing me, between him and (teammate) John Badala. Badala got me started. He was like my coach in the winter when we had no coach. Ollie! I'm going to miss him," commented Alleman.

Raider senior Kyle Rowbotham kept to good form and crossed third in the 400-intermediate hurdles with a time of 53.83 behind winner Emanuel Mayers of Lakewood, who had a time of 52.44, and Delsea's Aaron Younger, who finished in 52.66.

"I think it was my third-best time. I'm happy with it but I definitely could have done better," commented Rowbotham.

Rowbotham also qualified for the MOC in the 110-hurdles and the 4x400 relay but decided to scratch the 110-hurdles to save energy for the 4x400.

"I scratched in the 110. It would be too much for me to do. I need to save energy for the 4x4(00)," said Rowbotham, whose 4x400 squad placed seventh in the Group 3 meet.

Westfield Blue Devil Adam Bergo, who qualified in the high jump and triple jump, cleared 6'4" to place fourth in the high jump.

After congratulating the winner, Trenton's Devon Bond, who missed his attempt at 7'0", Bergo said, "I cleared all the way clean up to 6'6" where I maxed out. With 6'6" my timing was off a little bit. I ended up clipping it with my heels a few times. I feel good because I got fourth but I know I could have cleared 6'6" because I did it in the counties. If I did it, I would have ended up second. I wanted it so badly."

Although not finishing in the top-six, Bergo had a leap of 42'10.5" in the triple jump. Blue Devil Alex Tarlow missed the top-six in the 800 meters but finished with a fine time of 1:58.93. Blue Devil junior Brandon Heroux finished 10th in the javelin with a toss of 179' 2". He just missed the final round by nine inches.

Union Catholic Viking Brian Guterl, who placed fifth in the 1,600 meters last year at the MOC with a time of 4:18.58, finished fourth this time in the event with a PB time of 4:16.11. Guterl also qualified as the fourth seed for the 800 that was scheduled later in the evening but he had yet to determine whether to compete in the event.

Prior to the 1600, Viking high jump coach Adam Wendel, of Westfield commented, "He's going to try to stick as close as he can to Forsy and go all out in the 1600, then he will make a decision whether to run the 800."

Guterl took the lead from the start with Colts Neck's Craig Forsy, highly favored to win the event, drafting a few yards behind. That process continued until Forsy decided to take the

lead 30 meters before the end of the third lap. Midway through the final lap, four additional runners passed Guterl but he stepped up his pace to pass two of them before the finish line. Forsy finished first with a time of 4:09.59 followed by Dennis Waite of Red Bank at 4:15.48 and Andrew Brodeur of Brick Memorial at 4:15.82.

"The last three miles (1600 events) that I've been running, I have been

trying to go out faster then see if I can come back because my PR in the 8(00) is 1:52. So I figured going out full force wouldn't kill me that much. After that, just hold on from there. Today, I was waiting for guys to come up on me and they did on the fourth lap. That helped me a lot to finish," said Guterl, who will continue his track career at St. Joseph University in Philadelphia.



MOUNTAINSIDE SOFTBALL LEAGUE RUNNERS-UPS...The Chrono's Tavern softball team battled Kalmar of Union County for the Mountainside title. Kalmar won it for the second year in a row. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Doug Heintz, skipper Neal Bradley, Tom Perotta, Hal Breuninger and Kevin Graney; back row, Mike Peretz, Chris Sheper, Greg Kasko, Dave Augenstein, Drew Koski, Mike DeRosa and Shawn Smith. Not pictured: Tom Jogis, Mike Duels, Greg Hobson and Pat Brady.

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