

2012 Season

Final Record: 41-8

Rock River: 20-1

Tri-County: 9-3

- ** Rock River Grand Champions
- ** Rock River Northern Division Champions
- ** NBC State (WI) Champions
- ** Tri-County Nite League Grand Champions
- ** SWABA Class 'A' Champions
- ** Jim Pokel Memorial Tourney Champions



Front Row (L to R): Alex Nuelk, Jake Spaeth, Ty Schill, Jake Panzer, Tate Schill, Jim Ziegler

Back Row (L to R): Austin Sarauer, Jason Strobel, Dan Shea, Kurt Zagzebski, Brad Young, Adam Sarauer, Teddy Miller

2012 Rock River All-League Announced

November 11th - The Kewaskum A's were well represented at the annual Rock River banquet last weekend in Hustisford. Receiving Rock River All-League honors were Austin Sarauer (2B) who led the league in homers (5) and finished with 16 RBI's, Dan Shea (OF) who led the lead in hits (26) and finished with 18 RBI's and Jason Strobel (OF). Strobel also took home the MVP as he finished with a .455 Average, 8 2B's, 4 HR's, 16 RBI's in Rock River league play. Lucas Kopeschka (P) and Strobel (OF) also made the Tri-County All-League team. The A's took

home the championships in both leagues (Rock River & Tri-County) this past season, which resulted in Jim Ziegler receiving manager of the year honors.

In addition, the A's front office is already deep into offseason moves as the team looks to compete for another championship next season. The A's would also like to announce their first fundraiser of the year: Bowl for Baseball. This event will take place on January 12th in West Bend.

2012 season, by the numbers

- ** The A's finished ranked #2 in the Jack O' Diamonds final poll
- ** The A's 41 wins were the most in franchise history
- ** The A's had separate winning streaks of 15 and 16 during the year, they ended the season on a 7 game winning streak
- ** The A's finished with a record of 39-6 in the state of Wisconsin
- ** Since 2008 the A's have a combined record of 159-69
- ** Ty Schill's 211 plate appearances, 34 walks and 47 runs scored set single season franchise records
- ** Jason Strobel's .445 average, total bases (101) and OPS (1.227) were all single season records
- ** Austin Sarauer's 9 home runs and 101 total bases set single season franchise records
- ** Jim Ziegler's 14 wins and 149.2 innings pitched were single season bests
- ** Jake Panzer's .160 batting average against was a franchise record
- ** Adam Sarauer is six hits short of 300 for his career, Jason Strobel leads the franchise at 404 career hits
- ** Austin Sarauer (9), Jason Strobel (7), Dan Shea (6), Kurt Zagzebski (6) and Jake Spaeth (5) led the team to a franchise record 36 homers
- ** In his one weekend played this season and his first time playing since 2008, Steve Ketter went 2x6 (Run, 3 RBI's) as the A's went 2-0
- ** Rookies' Alex Nuelk (32 Hits), Kevin Gonring (.301 average) and Luke Kopeschka (8-2 record on the mound) all made significant contributions in their first season
- ** In limited time playing, Brad Boegel finished with 18 hits, HR, 12 RBI's, while batting .409
- ** In his first time pitching since 2007, Tate Schill finished with 3 scoreless appearances on the mound
- ** Dustin Doyle walked in his first plate appearance since 2007
- ** Brad Young finished with a record of 12-0 on the mound in Wisconsin, he is 21-4 in two seasons with the A's
- ** The A's were 2-0 in games that went to extra innings
- ** In consecutive Rock River games, the A's won by one on the road, as the opposing team struck out with the bases loaded to end the game
- ** The A's crushed their franchise record of players in season with either a wife/girlfriend with a total of SEVEN
- ** The A's claimed their second consecutive Rock River Northern Division Title
- ** In 2012, the A's won the Rock River Grand Championship for the first time, and the Tri-County Night League Championship for the third time (2012, 2009, 1988)
- ** The A's also took home the SWABA Class 'A' and NBC State Titles for the first time in 2012

A's take first game of finals

September 2nd - The Kewaskum A's moved a step closer to winning their first Rock River title, with a 9-2 win over Milton on Saturday afternoon in Kewaskum. Milton threatened in the 1st as a one-out walk and a double to right put runners on 2nd and 3rd, but A's starting pitcher Jim Ziegler was able to wiggle out of the inning without any damage.

The A's struck first plating two runs in the bottom of the 2nd inning. Jason Strobel led off with a single, and came around to score on a throwing error by the pitcher on Brad Young's swinging bunt. Young advanced all the way to third on the play, and was eventually knocked in by Ty Schill as he delivered with a clutch two-out RBI single.

The A's extended their lead to 4-0 in the 5th as Austin Sarauer blasted his ninth home run of the year to right. The A's

gave themselves some additional breathing room in the 6th as Jason Strobel delivered a two-out 2 RBI single to make it 6-0.

Still leading 6-0 in the 8th, Alex Nuelk reached via a single up the middle, and Ty Schill walked to put two runners on for Jake Spaeth. Spaeth put an exclamation point on the day, as he crushed a three-run homer to right to push the A's lead to 9-0. Milton added two runs in the 9th on a two run homer, but the A's hung on for the game one win.

Jim Ziegler (8IP, 0 Runs, 4 Hits, 2 K's) picked up the win on the mound, while Jake Panzer threw the ninth. The A's did strike out 14 times on the day, but made everyone of their eight hits count. Austin Sarauer 2x4 (HR, 2 RBI's), Jason Strobel 2x4 (2 RBI's) and Ty Schill 2x3 (RBI) led the A's offensively on the day.

Rock River Grand Champions!!

September 1st - The Kewaskum A's captured their first Rock River Grand Championship on Sunday afternoon with an 8-0 win over Milton. The win put an exclamation point on a remarkable season for the A's who finished a crazy 41-8 on the season. Great pitching, solid defense and clutch hitting were vital to the A's success all season and the championship game on Sunday proved to be no different.

The A's struck first in this one as veteran's Jason Strobel and Adam Sarauer got things rolling in the 2nd inning. Strobel reached via an infield single to leadoff the inning and advanced to second base on a wild pitch setting the table for Sarauer. Adam put together a solid at-bat and ripped a two-strike pitch through the right side to score Strobel and give the A's a 1-0 lead.

The A's played a little small ball in the 3rd inning to score another run. Jake Spaeth led the inning off with a single, and moved on to second base via a passed ball. Dan Shea and Austin Sarauer then both followed with groundouts to the right side, with Shea's groundout moving Spaeth to third and Sarauer's groundout driving Spaeth in for the A's second run of the game.

With the A's still up 2-0 in the 6th, Strobel reached with a two-out single through the left side to bring up Brad Young. Young delivered with a sinking line drive to center that got past the centerfielder on his attempt to catch the ball. Hustling all the way from first base, Strobel looked like he might score, but a perfect relay throw from shortstop to home cut down Strobel at the plate.

Riding this momentum, Milton put two runners on with one out in the bottom of the 6th and looked like they might score with their number four hitter coming to the plate. Starting and winning pitcher for the A's, Brad Young, was able to get a huge strikeout though, as he dropped in a perfect 2-2 curveball for strike three. The next batter popped out to catcher Alex Nuelk and the Milton threat to score was over.

Kewaskum gave themselves some breathing room in the 7th, when with one out, Alex Nuelk and Ty Schill reached base with back-to-back singles. After a flyout to left by Spaeth, Dan Shea walked to load the bases for Austin Sarauer. After a lengthy at-bat, where Sarauer fouled off numerous two-strike pitches, he eventually got a pitch he could drive and ripped a single through the right side scoring two runs to give the A's a 4-0 lead.

The game was then busted wide open in the 9th as the A's plated four runs on four hits to give themselves a comfortable 8-0 lead heading into the bottom of the 9th. Austin Sarauer and Jason Strobel each had RBI singles in the inning. Milton would not go quietly though as they put runners on 1st and 3rd with one out in the 9th. The A's were able to get just what they needed though, in the form of a groundball double play to end it, and the celebration was on!!

Brad Young pitched another gem on the mound, going the entire way to get the shutout. He allowed 9 hits, to go along with 1 walk and 3 strikeouts. Offensively the A's were led by Austin Sarauer 2x5 (4 RBI's), Jake Spaeth 3x4 (2 runs), and Jason Strobel 3x5 (RBI). Ty Schill and Brad Young each chipped in with two hits as well.

As mentioned earlier, the win caps an extraordinary year for the A's. In addition to winning the Rock River championship on Sunday, the A's took home the Tri-County Night League championship, the SWABA Class 'A' championship, the NBC championship and the Plymouth Tourney championship, an incredible resume of championships, unlikely to be duplicated. In addition, this Rock River championship was a long time coming for this team as they have been through just about anything you can imagine on a baseball field over the years. There is no doubt that this makes this championship that much more gratifying.

Many thanks to our family, friends, fans and sponsors who made this summer such an enjoyable experience as well. We are glad we could share many of these memories of a lifetime with you!!

A's back in Rock River finals with 7-2 win over Hustisford

August 26th - On Sunday, Hustisford got on the board in the 1st, taking advantage of a Kewaskum error to go up 1-0. The A's answered right back in the bottom of the 1st though as Jake Spaeth blasted a leadoff homer to dead center to knot the score at one apiece. A Hustisford error, a walk, and a basehit loaded the bases for Brad Young later in the inning and he came through with a 2 RBI single to put the A's up 3-1. Adam Sarauer followed with a RBI single and it was 4-1 Kewaskum after one complete inning.

The score remained 4-1 into the 5th when Dan Shea led off the inning with a solo homer to left. Two batters later Jason Strobel followed with a solo shot of his own to make it 6-1 A's. Hustisford would get a run back in the top of the 6th, as Jami Kaul blasted a solo homer to rightcenter to make the score 6-2, but that would be as close as Hustisford would get.

Jim Ziegler picked up the complete game win, while Brad Young 3x5 (2B, 2 RBI's), Adam Sarauer 2x3 (2 RBI's) and Jake Spaeth 2x4 (HR, RBI) led the way offensively. Jason Strobel and Austin Sarauer each chipped in with two hits on the day. The win moves the A's to 39-8 on the year and just two wins away from the elusive Rock River championship.

A's scratch out 3-2 win over Watertown

August 19th - On Sunday the A's traveled to Watertown for their second playoff game of the weekend and came away with a gritty 3-2 win. Watertown jumped on A's starter Brad Young for two runs in the 1st to race ahead to an early 2-0 lead, while offensively the A's saw their first ten batters of the game go down in order. Dan Shea finally got things rolling for the A's as a perfectly placed bloop double got the A's in the hit column. Austin Sarauer followed with a walk and two batters later Jason Strobel connected on a three-run homer to give the A's a 3-2 lead.

The A's would make this lead stand up the rest of the way as Young settled in on the mound pitching seven solid innings to pick up the win. Jim Ziegler tossed the final two innings to pick up the save. The A's were led at the plate by Jason Strobel 1x4 (HR, 3 RBI's), while Ty Schill chipped in with a two hit day. The A's must now wait to find out their playoff opponent for next weekend. In all likelihood the A's will host either Rubicon or Hustisford on Sunday in Kewaskum. There is a chance though that the A's may host Brownsville on Saturday instead. Currently Brownsville trails Milton 4-2 in the top of the 9th, as a loss would eliminate Brownsville from the playoffs, whereas a win sends them to Kewaskum for a game on Saturday. Be sure to check the Kewaskum A's website out for further details as the week progresses.

A's pick up win over Madison L.T. on first day of playoffs

August 18th - The Kewaskum A's picked up a 9-4 win over Madison L.T. on the first day of the Rock River playoffs Saturday. Kurt Zagzebski got the A's on the board in the bottom of the 3rd with a grand slam and Dan Shea followed an inning later with a two-run homer to push the A's lead to 6-0. This was enough run support for Jim Ziegler who tossed eight solid innings for the win (6 Hits, HBP, ER, 5 K's). The A's were led offensively by Austin Sarauer 3x4 (2B, BB, RBI), Dan Shea 2x4 (HR, 2 RBI's) and Kurt Zagzebski 1x5 (Grand Slam, 4 RBI's). Jake Panzer chipped in with two hits as well on the day.

A's claim SWABA Class 'A' Championship

August 14th - The Kewaskum A's brought home their first SWABA Class 'A' championship with a 12-4 win over West Bend 7up on Tuesday night. The A's got on the board right away in the 1st inning with a Kurt Zagzebski RBI single, while Brad Young pushed the lead to 3-0 in the 2nd inning with a 2 RBI double to right.

West Bend 7up got a run back in the 4th as former Athletic Matt Parrent blasted a solo homer, but the A's tallied four runs in the 5th to go up 7-1 and never looked back from there. Jason Strobel ripped a RBI double in the inning, while Alex Nuelk had a clutch two-out 2 RBI single back up the middle.

Brad Young continued to shine on the mound as he tossed eight solid innings (6 Hits, 3 ER, 6 K's) to pick up his 10th win of the year. Jake Panzer tossed a scoreless 9th. Ty Schill, Jason Strobel, Kurt Zagzebski and Jake Panzer all had two hit nights for the A's.

A's rebound with 12-2 win over Horicon

August 13th - The Kewaskum A's rebounded from their first Rock River loss Sunday, with a 12-2 (8 innings) win over Horicon on Monday night to conclude the Rock River regular season. The A's jumped ahead right away in the 1st as Kurt Zagzebski ripped a 2 RBI double to get the visitors on the board early. The A's were at it again in the top of the 2nd as a two-out walk to Kevin Goring got things rolling. Ty Schill followed with a single and Brad Young followed with a RBI single to make it 3-0. Austin Sarauer then delivered a RBI double down the rightfield line to make it 4-0 Kewaskum.

Staked out to the early lead, starting and winning pitcher Lucas Kopeschka was able to settle in nicely picking up his eighth win of the season. Kopeschka tossed seven innings, and did not allow his first hit until the 6th inning. He allowed just two hits, along with two unearned runs on the night. Tate Schill tossed a scoreless 8th inning to finish off the game.

The A's blew the game open in the middle innings thanks in part to Dan Shea, who blasted a three run homer and Austin Sarauer who connected on a two run blast. The A's pounded out 13 hits on the night and were led by Brad Young's 4x4 (3B, RBI, 2 Runs). Kurt Zagzebski 2x5 (2B, 3 RBI's), Dan Shea 2x4 (HR, 2B, 3 RBI's) and Austin Sarauer 2x3 (HR, 2B, 3 RBI's) all were key contributors on the evening.

Brownsville halts A's winning streak at 16

August 12th - The Kewaskum A's dropped a 3-1 game to perennial thorn-in-their-side Brownsville on Sunday afternoon, handing the A's their first loss of the Rock River season (14-1, 34-8 overall). Game highlights were few and far between for the A's as they mustered only one sustained scoring opportunity all game. With the game scoreless in the 5th, Kurt Zagzebski led off with a double down the left field line. Jason Strobel followed with a bloop single to center to put runners on the corners for Austin Sarauer, who came through with a RBI single. Brad Boegel followed with a well placed bloop single to load the bases, but a pop-out to the infield, and a double play ended the A's threat.

The A's clung to this lead into the 7th as starting pitcher Jim Ziegler battled to keep the Brownsville off the board. Brownsville was able to break through in the 7th though as a two-out RBI single through the right side tied this game at 1-1. After a quiet top of the 8th for Kewaskum, Brownsville took the lead for good with a two-out 2 RBI double to go up 3-1. The A's put a runner on in the 9th thanks to a Brownsville error, but went down quietly after that to see their 16 game winning streak come to an end.

The A's return to the field tonight as they travel to Horicon for a Rock River makeup game. Then on Tuesday the A's head to West Bend to take on 7up for the much anticipated SWABA championship game. The A's then kick off the Rock River playoffs on Saturday as they host Madison Laurel Tavern and on Sunday they travel to Watertown for their second playoff game (both games are at 1:30pm).

A's take home Tri-County Championship

August 7th - The Kewaskum A's took home the 2012 Tri-County Night League championship with a 10-3 win over Brookfield on Tuesday night. Brookfield jumped ahead with three 1st inning runs, but the A's quickly responded with five runs of their own in the bottom of the 1st to turn the tides in their favor. Ty Schill led off the bottom of the 1st with a great at bat that resulted in a leadoff double and Brad Young followed with a double of his own to score Schill. Kurt Zagzebski (RBI single) and Brad Boegel (2 RBI single) followed later in the inning with run scoring hits, and Adam Sarauer capped the 1st inning scoring with a RBI sacrifice fly.

From there Brad Young settled in on the mound and pitched nearly flawlessly the rest of the way. He would end up picking up the win tossing 8 innings (3 ER's, 5 Hits, 4 BB's, HBP, 8 K's), while Jake Panzer tossed a scoreless 9th. The A's pounded out 16 hits for the game and were led by Jason Strobel's 5x5 (2 2B's, 3 RBI's) night. It was the third time in the last four games where a Kewaskum batter finished with at least 5 hits. Kurt Zagzebski 3x5 (RBI) and Brad Boegel 3x5 (2B, 2 RBI's) had solid nights at the plate as well.

A's come out swinging in 13-6 win over Hartford

August 5th - The Kewaskum A's moved a step closer to wrapping up the #1 overall seed in the Rock River playoffs with a 13-6 win over Hartford on Sunday afternoon. The A's jumped ahead 8-0 after two innings and never really looked back from there. Jake Spaeth led the 19 hit attack going 6x6 (2B, RBI), while Jason Strobel 3x6 (2B, RBI) and Dan Shea 3x5 (3 RBI's) had solid days at the plate. Kurt Zagzebski, Brad Young, and Brad Boegel all finished with two hits as well. Lucas Kopeschka (5.2 IP, 5ER, 6 Hits, 3 BB's, 2 K's) picked up the win on the mound, while Jake Panzer (2.1 IP, ER, Hit, BB) and Brad Boegel (IP, 2 Hits) finished out the game in relief for the A's. The win moves the A's to 14-0 in the Rock River League (33-7 overall) and with a win Thursday night at Horicon, the A's can wrap up the #1 overall seed in the Rock River playoffs.

The A's will also take on Brookfield this week, on Wednesday night in West Bend (7:30pm), for the Tri-County Night League Championship. On Sunday (August 12th) the A's will travel to Brownsville for their last Rock River regular season game and then on Tuesday (August 14th) the A's will travel to West Bend to take on West Bend 7up for the SWABA Class 'A' Championship game. Both teams have won their respective divisions in their regular leagues so this should be a great match-up as both teams prepare for their upcoming playoffs.

A's advance to Tri-County Championship

August 1st - The Kewaskum A's fought off a tough Oconomowoc Five-O's team by a score of 5-3 Wednesday night to advance to the Tri-County Championship game. Oconomowoc got things going right away offensively as they used

four 1st inning singles to jump out to a quick 2-0 lead off A's starter Jim Ziegler. The A's were able to get a run back in the 2nd when an Austin Sarauer double brought in Jason Strobel to make it 2-1.

The A's were at it again in the 3rd inning when Alex Nuelk reached by a hit-by-pitch and Ty Schill followed with a single to right. Brad Young then laid down a sacrifice bunt back to the pitcher, but everyone ended up being safe when the pitcher tried to get the lead runner at third base. That brought up Dan Shea who took advantage of the Five-O miscue and ripped a 2 RBI single to give the A's a 3-2 lead. However the A's wasted a golden opportunity to score another run as the next three batters went down in order.

Oconomowoc would tie the game at three in the 5th as a RBI groundout brought the score even. The score remained here until the 7th when Brad Young reached base via an infield single off the pitcher. After a Dan Shea sacrifice bunt moved Young to second base, Kurt Zagzebski came through with a clutch RBI double to give the A's a 4-3 lead. Oconomowoc put together a two-out rally in the top of the 8th and a basehit to left looked like it might score the tying run. However a perfect throw from Dan Shea in left, and a great job of blocking the plate by Alex Nuelk, cut the runner down at home. Riding that momentum, the A's tacked on an insurance run in the 8th and hung on for the 5-3 win. Jim Ziegler picked up the complete game win (9IP, 12 Hits, 3 ER's, BB, 10 K's) while Dan Shea 2x3 (2 RBI's) led the A's offensively.

A's clinch Rock River North Title with 8-1 win over Horicon

July 31st - The Kewaskum A's locked up the Rock River Division Title with a 8-1 win over Horicon on Tuesday night. Horicon used three 1st inning hits to go up 1-0, but it was all Kewaskum after that as Brad Young (Win, 8IP, 4 Hits, 12K's) and Tate Schill (IP, 2 K's) combined to allow just one hit the rest of the way. The A's went up for good in the 2nd innning when Brad Boegel and Kevin Gonring connected on back-to-back RBI singles.

Kewaskum then made it 3-1 in the 3rd as Jason Strobel stayed hot at the plate ripping a RBI double to right center. The score would remain here until the 7th when the A's tacked on a run from a Horicon error and busted the game open with Austin Sarauer's pinch-hit 2 RBI double to make it 6-1. The A's pounded out 18 hits for the game and were led by Kurt Zagzebski's 5x5 (RBI) night. Jason Strobel, Brad Young, Alex Nuelk, Brad Boegel, and Kevin Gonring all finished with two hits for the game.

A's top Slinger again on Sunday

July 29th - The Kewaskum A's clinched a share of the Rock River Northern Division Title with a 4-0 win over Slinger on Sunday afternoon. The A's jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead on a Dan Shea RBI single in the 1st and had the bases loaded with nobody out. However a strike out and a double play ended the inning without any further damage, as this ended up being a sign of things to come offensively for the A's on Sunday. Fortunately it would not matter as A's pitchers dominated all day long yielding just two hits. Jake Panzer threw 6 scoreless innings to pick up the win, while Brad Boegel tossed a perfect 3 innings for the save.

Jason Strobel remained hot at the plate as he blasted a homer in the 6th to push the lead to 3-0. He finished the day 2x3 (2B, HR, RBI). Dan Shea ended up 2x4 (2 RBI's) and added another RBI single in the 7th to push the lead to 4-0 as that went on to be the final. With the win the A's improve to 12-0 in the Rock River (30-7 overall). The A's take on Horicon at 7:30pm Tuesday night in West Bend for a Rock River makeup game, while on Wednesday the A's will host Oconomowoc at 7:30pm in Brownsville for a Tri-County Night League playoff game. On Sunday the A's travel to Hartford for a Rock River tilt at 1:30pm.

A's lock up Rock River playoff berth

July 28th - The Kewaskum A's wrapped a spot in the upcoming Rock River playoffs with a 12-2 (7 innings) win over Slinger on Saturday afternoon. Lucas Kopeschka picked up the complete game win (7IP, 2ER, 7 Hits, BB, 9 K's), while Brad Boegel 3x5 (HR, RBI, 3 Run's) and Dan Shea 2x5 (RBI) led the way offensively. The A's raced ahead 2-0 in the 1st as Ty Schill scored the first run of the game on a balk, while Jason Strobel later drove in Kurt Zagzebski with a double down the third base line.

Slinger tied the game at two in the bottom of the 1st though , as the A's avoided further damage as a runner was gunned down at the plate by Jason Strobel from centerfield. It was all Kewaskum after that as they scored the final ten runs of the game. Brad Boegel put an exclamation point on the day in the 7th when he blasted his first homer with the A's to give them a 12-2 lead enough for the mercy rule to take effect.

A's remain unbeaten in Rock with 7-2 win over Rubicon

July 22nd - The Kewaskum A's picked up a big 7-2 win over Rubicon on Sunday afternoon in Kewaskum to move to 10-0 in the Rock River League (28-7 overall). A shaky start by Kewaskum allowed Rubicon to go up 1-0 in the top of the 1st, but the A's responded back in the 2nd when Jason Strobel connected on his fourth home run of the year to tie the game at 1-1. The A's went ahead for good in the 4th as Steve Ketter delivered with a two-out RBI single. Alex

Nuelk followed with a walk, setting the table for Ty Schill who ripped a RBI single to score another run. On the play though, Nuelk and Schill both came around to score on throwing errors to give the A's a 5-1 lead.

Rubicon responded right back by loading the bases in the top of the 5th with nobody out, but A's starter, Jim Ziegler, was able to get the next three batters in order as a sacrifice fly plated the only run in the inning. In the bottom half of the 5th, Brad Young led off the inning with a single bringing up Austin Sarauer who belted a two-run homer to put the score at 7-2. This proved to be enough for Ziegler on the mound, who after a shaky start settled in retiring the final 15 batters of the game to pick up the complete game win (6 Hits, ER, 10 K's). Offensively the A's were led by Jason Strobel 3x4 (HR, RBI). Brad Young, Austin Sarauer and Adam Sarauer also chipped in with two hits on the day.

The A's return to play on Friday night as they take on West Bend 7up in a SWABA Class "A" championship game (location and time to be determined). On Saturday the A's travel to Slinger for a Rock River matchup, while on Sunday the A's take on Slinger again, but this time at Kewaskum (1:30pm start for both games).

A's wrap up TCNL playoff berth with win over Hustisford

July 21st - The Kewaskum A's wrapped up a Tri-County Night League berth with a 7-4 win over Hustisford on Saturday afternoon in Kewaskum. The A's jumped ahead with six runs in the first two innings as that proved to be enough for starting pitcher Lucas Kopeschka. Kopeschka tossed eight solid innings (8 hits, 4 BB's, 3 K's, 2 ER) in picking up the win, while Jake Panzer tossed a perfect 9th for the save. Jason Strobel 3x5 (2B, RBI) led the A's at the plate while Steve Ketter made a triumphant return going 1x2 (2 RBI's, HBP, Sac Fly) in his first action in over four years.

Young, Strobel lead A's into SWABA finals

July 20th - The Kewaskum A's advanced to the SWABA Class 'A' finals with a 4-0 win over West Allis on Friday night. Brad Young dazzled on the mound picking up the complete game shutout win (7IP, 3 Hits, 3 BB's, 5 K's), while Jason Strobel provided the offense going 2x4 (3 RBI's). Adam Sarauer 3x4 (2B) and Brad Young 2x3 (2B, Sac Fly) also had solid nights at the plate.

The A's raced ahead in the 1st inning on a Jason Strobel RBI single back up the middle to score Ty Schill. Strobel again came through in the 3rd as he ripped a two-out 2 RBI single down the left field line to give the A's a 3-0 lead. Brad Young tacked on an insurance run in the 4th with a sacrifice fly to make it 4-0 as that went on to be the final score. The A's will play local rivals West Bend 7up in the championship game this Friday night at a place and time to be determined.

A's grind out 4-3 win against Hustisford on Sunday

July 15th - The Kewaskum A's capped a successful weekend with a 4-3 Rock River League win over Hustisford on Sunday afternoon. The A's were kept off balance all day by Hustisford starting pitcher Bob Bruce, but were able to scratch out just enough offense for the victory. Trailing 1-0 in the 4th, Kurt Zagzebski led off the inning with a single off the wall in left and came around to score on a Jason Strobel home run giving the A's a 2-1 lead. Jake Spaeth pushed the lead to 3-1 with a RBI double off the wall in left in the 5th, but Hustisford answered with a solo home run of their own in the 6th to make it 3-2.

With the A's still leading 3-2 in the 8th, Austin Sarauer blasted a solo home run to right giving the A's a much needed insurance run. That proved to be a huge run as Hustisford led off the 9th with a solo home run of their own, but went down quietly after that as the A's hung on for the win. Jim Ziegler picked up the complete game win (9IP, 2ER, 7 Hits, 7 K's), while Jason Strobel 2x4 (HR, 2 RBI's) and Kurt Zagzebski 2x4 (2B) led the A's offensively.

The win moves the A's to 25-7 (9-0 in Rock River) on the year. The A's play again this Friday night as they take on the West Allis Nighthawks at 7pm in a SWABA tourney semi-final game played in Hustisford. On Saturday the A's host Hustisford at 1:30pm in a Tri-County game and on Sunday the A's host the Rubicon Red Sox at 1:30pm in a Rock River League game for Sponsor Appreciation Day.

A's claim NBC Tourney title

July 14th - The Kewaskum A's brought home the NBC Tourney Championship with a 12-7 win over Chaseburg Coon-Valley (CCV) on Saturday night. Kewaskum raced ahead to a 12-1 lead through six innings, but CCV (27-2 on the year) made things interesting late as they plated 6 runs over the final four innings. The A's were able to hang on though as they captured their first NBC Championship.

CCV took an early 1-0 lead in the 2nd inning, but the A's came right back in the 3rd as Jake Spaeth tied the game with a RBI single. Brad Young followed with a 2 RBI single to give the A's a 3-1 lead. The A's then exploded for five more runs in the 4th, as the inning was blown wide open with a bases clearing 3 RBI double from Brad Young. Kam Koplitz ripped an RBI double in the inning and Austin Sarauer also had a RBI single.

The A's pushed their lead to 12-1 in the 6th plating four more runs. A Brad Young sacrifice fly, Dan Shea RBI single, and Jason Strobel 2 RBI single drove in the runs for the inning. This ended up being enough run support for winning pitcher and tourney MVP Brad Young. In the championship game Young went 2x5 (2B, 6 RBI's) while picking up the win on the mound (7IP, 3ER, 7 Hits, 4 K's). Alex Nuelk 3x4 (Run, Sac Bunt) and Jake Spaeth 2x4 (RBI, HBP, BB, SB) also had good nights at the plate.

A's hold off Sparta Miller to advance to NBC Championship

July 14th - Alex Nuelk followed with a triple of his own and came around to score on a RBI single by Ty Schill to push the A's lead to 6-4. This proved to be enough for the A's as they went on to the win by the same score. Kam Koplitz picked up the complete game win (7IP, 6 Hits, 3 ER, 6 K's), while Ty Schill 2x4 (RBI, SB) and Jason Strobel 1x4 (Grand Slam, 4 RBI's) led the way offensively.

A's advance to SWABA final four with win over Brownsville

July 10th - The Kewaskum A's squeaked out a second round SWABA tourney win over Brownsville Tuesday night by a score of 2-1. The win advances the A's to the semi-finals of the SWABA Class 'A' tournament to be played next Friday night (July 20th) in Hustisford. The A's will see if they can break through to the championship game as they take on the West Allis Nighthawks of the Land of Lakes League at 7pm that night. In Tuesday night's contest, the A's fell behind in the 1st inning as a James Goodfellow RBI single gave Brownsville the early lead. Kewaskum responded back in the 2nd though as Kurt Zagzebski led the inning off with a double down the left field line and eventually came around to score on a throwing error to tie the game at one apiece.

The score remained tied until the 6th, when Dan Shea delivered with the go-ahead RBI double to give the A's the 2-1 lead. Brad Young made this lead hold up on the mound as he picked up the complete game win (7IP, 3 Hits, ER, 2 BB's, 9 K's). Shea led the A's offensively going 2x3 (2B, RBI).

The A's also found out their opponent for the upcoming abbreviated NBC tourney in Menasha this weekend. The A's will take on Sparta Miller this Saturday at 11am. If the A's win this game, they will play the winner of Menasha vs. Chaseburg Coon Valley in the championship game on July 21st.

A's pick up 8-5 win over Oakfield on Sunday

July 8th - The Kewaskum A's picked up an 8-5 win over Oakfield on Sunday afternoon to remain unbeaten in Rock River League play. Oakfield quickly raced ahead to a 2-0 lead in the 1st inning, taking advantage of a shaky start from Kewaskum starter Jim Ziegler. The A's were able to answer back in the bottom of the 1st though as Jake Spaeth belted a solo homer to lead off the inning. Brad Young and Austin Sarauer followed with singles and Dan Shea tied the game at 2-2 with a RBI single of his own. Kurt Zagzebski gave the A's the lead as his ground-ball double play brought in the third run of the inning for Kewaskum.

With the A's still leading 3-2 in the 3rd, Oakfield tied things up with a sacrifice fly to left to even the score. The A's jumped ahead for good in the 5th though, as Jason Strobel blasted a two-run homer to give the A's a 5-3 lead.

In the 6th, Dan Shea gave the A's some much needed insurance as he delivered with a 2 RBI single and Strobel again came through, later in the inning, with a RBI double to make it 8-3. Oakfield tallied two more runs in the 7th, but the A's were able to hang on for the 8-5 win. Jim Ziegler picked up the win (8IP, 4 ER, 10 Hits, 7 K's), while Jake Panzer tossed a scoreless 9th inning for the save. Jake Spaeth 3x4 (HR, RBI) and Dan Shea 3x3 (3 RBI's, BB) led the A's offensively, while Jason Strobel 2x4 (HR, 2B, 3 RBI's) also contributed with a solid day at the plate.

The A's return to action on Tuesday night as they travel to Horicon to take on Brownsville at 6:30pm in a 2nd round SWABA game. The A's then travel to Horicon on Saturday and Hustisford on Sunday for Rock River league games. The A's record moves to 21-7 (8-0 Rock River) on the year.

Kewaskum tops Milwaukee 7-2 in Rock River play

July 1st - The Kewaskum A's remained unbeaten in Rock River play on Sunday afternoon as they topped the Milwaukee Devil Dogs by a score of 7-2. The win puts the A's at 7-0 in league play (20-7 overall), two games up on 2nd place Hustisford. The A's jumped ahead 1-0 in the 3rd inning on an Austin Sarauer two-out RBI single, while Jake Spaeth's two-run homer to rightcenter in the 5th pushed the lead to 3-0.

In the 6th, after two quick outs, four consecutive singles by Jason Strobel, Kevin Gonring, Alex Nuelk and Ty Schill led to two more Kewaskum runs. The A's capped the scoring in the 7th with RBI single's from Adam Sarauer and Jason Strobel stretching their lead to 7-1. The A's pounded out 15 hits on the day as every batter in the lineup had at least one hit. Ty Schill 3x3 (2 RBI's, BB, SB) and Brad Young 3x4 (2B, BB) led the way with three hits each, while Jason Strobel and Jake Spaeth each chipped in with two hits. Brad Young (8IP, 0ER, 6 Hits, 10K's)

picked up the win on the mound to move to his record to 4-2 on the year.

The A's have off until next Sunday when they host the Oakfield Oaks at 1:30pm in Kewaskum. Before Sunday though, six members of the A's will be representing the team in the All-Star game on Friday night (July 6th) at 8pm in Brownsville. Dan Shea(1B) and Austin Sarauer (2B) have been selected as starters for the North team, while Alex Nuelk (Catcher) made the team as a reserve. In addition, the trio of Jim Ziegler, Jake Panzer, and Brad Young made the team as pitchers.

A's bounce back with win over West Bend 7up

June 29th - The Kewaskum A's bounced back on Friday night with a big win over West Bend 7up by a score of 5-0. Jim Ziegler (9 Hits, 8K's, HBP) tossed a complete game shutout, while Jake Spaeth blasted a two-run homer to provide the A's all the runs they would need. Dan Shea (3x5) and Jason Strobel (2x4, 2B) chipped in with multi-hit games at the plate.

A's get caught looking ahead, fall to Lebanon 5-2

June 28th - The Kewaskum A's fell to the Lebanon Whitetails by a score of 5-2 on Thursday night. Lebanon raced ahead to a 4-0 lead after two innings and never looked back from there as the A's struggled offensively all game. Austin Sarauer remained locked in at the plate going 2x4 (HR, RBI), but the A's did produce much else offensively. Lucas Kopeschka took the loss on the mound, while Jake Panzer tossed three scoreless innings of relief.

A's eliminated from SPAMtown with loss to Rochester

June 23rd - The last game of pool play saw the A's play the Rochester (MN) Royals on Saturday night. A win here would put the A's into Sunday's semi-finals of the SPAMtown Challenge, but a loss would leave their fate in the hands of a list of tie-breakers. The A's sent Brad Young to the mound and he matched the hard throwing lefty from Rochester threw three innings. In the 4th, the Royals took advantage of a bunt single and a misplayed bunt to plate two runs which would prove to be more than enough run support for the Rochester pitcher as he yielded just 4 hits for the game.

This left the A's fate of advancing to Sunday in the hands of a tie-breaker since Rochester(MN), Moorhead (MN), and the A's all went 2-1 in pool play with each team beating one another. As it turned out the A's came up short in the tie-breaker, as one more run scored or one less run allowed would have sent them into Sunday. Even still, it was another great experience for the A's to build off of for the rest of the year, and they look forward to a return trip in 2013.

A's stay unbeaten in pool play

June 23rd - The Kewaskum A's moved to 2-0 in pool play with a 5-1 win over the Moorhead (MN) Brewers on Saturday afternoon. Kurt Zagzebski got the A's on the board in the 1st inning with a two-out, 2 RBI double, and Jim Ziegler (7IP, ER, 5 Hits, BB, 3K's) made that hold up for the complete game win on the mound. The A's added 3 more runs in the 2nd inning on three consecutive RBI singles from Brad Young, Austin Sarauer and Dan Shea.

A's overwhelm Chargers in first game of pool play

June 22nd - The Kewaskum A's opened up against the Austin Chargers in SPAMtown Challenge pool play on Friday night and cruised to a 11-0 victory in 5 innings. The Chargers were a late addition to the tourney, as the team the A's were supposed to play backed out Friday morning putting the tournament organizers in a tough spot. Sam Wilhelms picked up the complete game shutout tossing 5 scoreless innings, allowing just one hit to go along with 10 strikeouts. Offensively the A's were led by Austin Sarauer 3x3 (2B, 2 RBI's, BB), Jake Spaeth 2x3 (2B, SB, HBP) and Shane O'Hagan 1x3 (2B, 3 RBI's, BB).

Greyhounds walkoff with 5-4 win

June 21st - The Kewaskum A's headed to Austin, MN on Thursday night to take on the Austin Greyhounds in an exhibition contest. Much like last year though, the hosts were able to walk off with a win over the A's, this time by a score of 5-4. The Greyhounds raced ahead to a 3-0 lead after one inning in this one, but the A's chipped away as Jason Strobel's RBI fielder's choice in the 2nd and Austin Sarauer's solo homer in the 4th cut the lead to 3-2. The Greyhounds got that run back in the 5th to make it 4-2, but the A's made things interesting in the 7th.

Still trailing 4-2 with one out in the 7th, Brad Young was hit by a pitch and Shane O'Hagan reached via an error to give the A's a chance. A wild pitch allowed both runners to move up 90 feet and Austin Sarauer took advantage of that mistake as he dropped in a 2 RBI single to tie the game at four. The game looked like it might be headed to extras, but a leadoff fly ball by the Greyhounds was dropped by the A's and before they knew it the bases were loaded with one out. The Greyhounds took advantage as a dribbler down the third base line allowed the winning run to score. Brad Young took the loss in relief of Luke Kopeschka, while Austin Sarauer led the A's offensively going 3x3 (HR, 3 RBI's, SB, BB, R). Alex Nuelk also chipped in with 2 hits on the night.

A's make return to Austin, MN for SPAMtown Challenge

June 20th - The A's will take to the road this weekend as they travel to Austin, MN to play in the SPAMtown Challenge. In their inaugural appearance in the tourney last year, the A's finished 1-2, but saw late leads evaporate in both losses. The A's will again be tested this year as many of the top amateur teams from the Midwest partake in the tourney. 16 teams from Minnesota, Illinois, & Wisconsin will make up the tourney field. The A's open up play on Thursday night at 7:30pm as they take on the Austin Greyhounds in an exhibition game. Pool play begins on Friday at 3pm as the A's will take on the Illinois Valley Eagles. On Saturday the A's will take on the Moorhead (MN) Brewers at 3pm, and then finish off pool play by playing the Rochester (MN) Royals at 6pm. If the A's can advance through pool play, they will play on Sunday at 9am in a semifinal game. Either way it should be an exciting weekend of baseball for the A's. To follow A's action this weekend, please click on the SPAMtown logo below, or follow the A's on facebook as they will be providing updates throughout the weekend:

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Schill's walk-off single in 11th keeps A's unbeaten in Rock

June 17th - The Kewaskum A's remained unbeaten in Rock River play on Sunday as they knocked off Brownsville in a thrilling 6-5 walk-off victory in 11 innings. Ty Schill provided the heroics as he ripped a bases loaded single with two outs in the 11th. The A's did lead 5-3 heading into the 9th, but a one-out bloop single plated the tying runs for Brownsville and pushing the game to extra innings.

Earlier in the game, Brownsville went ahead on a James Goodfellow solo home run in the 2nd inning. The A's were able to tie the score at one on an Austin Sarauer sac fly in the 3rd, but Goodfellow struck again with a two-run homer in the top of the 4th. The A's responded back in the bottom of the 4th though as Adam Sarauer blasted a solo homer, and Alex Nuelk added a RBI single to tie the game at three.

The A's took the lead in the 5th on a Dan Shea two-run homer and had that lead until Brownsville was able to tie it in the 9th. In the decisive 11th, Kevin Goring was hit by a pitch, Nuelk singled and Jake Spaeth walked to load the bases for Schill. Offensively the A's were led by Alex Nuelk 4x5 (RBI), Kevin Goring 2x4 (HBP), Adam Sarauer 2x5 (HR, RBI) and Dan Shea 1x5 (HR, 2 RBI's). Jake Panzer (2IP, K, BB, Hit) picked up the win in relief of Jim Ziegler (9IP, 5ER, 7 Hits, 9K's).

The A's record now stands at 16-4 (6-0 RR) as they have won their last 15 games. The A's will be tested this week as they take their talents to Austin, MN for the SPAMtown Challenge. The A's will take on Austin (MN) Thursday night at 7:30pm and will begin pool play on Friday at 3pm against Illinois Valley. They conclude pool play on Saturday as they take on Moorhead (MN) at 3:30pm and Rochester (MN) at 6pm. If the A's happen to win their pool, they will advance to the championship round on Sunday. The A's will provide updates on their website over the course of the weekend.

Kewaskum overcomes early deficit to down Hartford 14-4

June 16th - The Kewaskum A's stayed hot as they downed Hartford 14-4 on Saturday afternoon in a Rock River tilt. The A's looked sluggish early on, but the bats eventually heated up as the A's pounded out 21 hits on the day. Dan Shea led the attack going 4x5 (HR, 4 RBI's), while Adam Sarauer 3x6 (2 RBI's) and Kevin Gonring 3x4 (RBI) each had three hits on the day. Brad Young, Alex Nuelk, Ty Schill, and Jake Panzer all had two hits as well. Jake Panzer (4IP, 0ER, 2 Hits, 4K's) picked up the win in relief of Brad Young (4IP, 3ER, 4 Hits, 2K's).

A's claim Plymouth Tourney Championship

June 15th - The Kewaskum A's claimed the Jim Pokel Tourney championship (Plymouth) Friday night with a 10-8 win over St. Peter. It is the A's third Pokel tourney championship as they won titles back in 2006 and 2008. St. Peter raced ahead to a 4-1 lead after two innings, but Kevin Gonring's bases loaded double in the 3rd scored three runs to tie the score at four apiece. With the game tied at 5-5 in the 6th, the A's sent eight batters to the plate and scored four runs with the big blow in the inning being a Kurt Zagzebski two-out, two run homer. St. Peter answered back again, cutting the lead to 9-7 in the bottom half of the 6th and nearly tied it at nine in the 7th as a double to the gap plated a run. However a strong relay throw on the play from Brad Young allowed the A's to gun down the tying run at the plate and preserve their one run lead. The A's added an insurance run in the 9th and Jake Panzer worked out of a bases loaded jam in the 9th to preserve the 10-8 win for the A's.

Lucas Kopeschka (6IP, 5 ER, 9 Hits, 6 K's) picked up the win on the mound, while Jake Panzer tossed the final three innings for the save. Brad Young, Ty Schill, and Austin Sarauer all chipped in with two hits on the night. Kevin Gonring 1x4 (2B, 3 RBI's) and Kurt Zagzebski 1x5 (HR, 2 RBI's) each had big hits as well. Austin Sarauer claimed the tourney MVP award as he batted a robust .800 going 8x10 (2B, 3 RBI's, 3 BB's, 2 SB's, 5 Runs) in 3 games.

A's advance to Plymouth Tourney Championship

June 13th - The Kewaskum A's pulled away from the Saukville Saints Wednesday night by a score of 8-3 to advance to the Plymouth Tourney championship game. Austin Sarauer and Jim Ziegler led the way with 3 hits and a RBI apiece as the A's pounded out 10 hits for the game. Jay Kuczynski, making his first start on the mound, picked up the win tossing 4.2 innings, but yielding just 1 earned run. The A's will play St. Peter Friday night in the championship game.

A's rally late in 3-1 win over Benders

June 12th - The Kewaskum A's rallied for a 3-1 win over the West Bend Benders on Tuesday night. Trailing 1-0 in the top of the 8th, Brad Young doubled in the tying run, and two batters later Adam Sarauer ripped the go-ahead RBI single to give the A's a 2-1 lead. The A's added an insurance run in the 9th as Dan Shea doubled with one-out and came around to score on Jason Strobel's pinch-hit RBI single. Brad Young (ER, 5 Hits, 3 BB's, 8 K's) picked up the win on the mound tossing the complete game gem. He also led the A's at the plate going 2x3 (2B, RBI, HBP). Shea and Jake Panzer each chipped in with doubles on the night as well.

A's advance in SWABA tourney with 4-0 win over St. Peter

June 9th - The Kewaskum A's shutout the St. Peter Padres on Saturday afternoon in Kewaskum to advance to the next round of the SWABA tournament. Jim Ziegler (7IP, 4 Hits, BB, 7K's) tossed the complete game shutout, while Dan Shea provided all the offense the A's would need with a two-run homer in the 4th. Shea went 2x4 (2B, HR, 2 RBI's) on the day while Jake Spaeth and Alex Nuelk had the A's other two hits.

The A's next SWABA game will be on Tuesday, July 10th in Horicon against Brownsville. The A's again have a busy week of games upcoming as they travel to West Bend on Tuesday to take on the Benders and to Plymouth on Wednesday for a 2nd round Plymouth Tourney game. The A's also host two Rock River league games this weekend as they host Hartford on Saturday and North division leader Brownsville on Sunday, both games at 1:30pm.

A's stay hot, top Hartford 17-4

June 7th - The Kewaskum A's came out swinging on Thursday night as they used 21 hits to top the Hartford Hawks 17-4 (7 innings). The A's got things going early and often as Austin Sarauer's RBI double, Brad Young's RBI double and Jake Panzer's RBI single helped the A's race ahead to a quick 5-0 lead after two innings. Star of the night, Brad Young, was at it again in the 3rd as he delivered with a 2 RBI double to put the A's up 7-0. Hartford bounced back with three runs in the bottom of the 3rd, but the A's outscored the Hawks 10-1 the rest of the way for the comfortable win.

Lucas Kopeschka (6IP, 3ER, 6 Hits, 5 K's) picked up the win, while Jay Kuczynski struckout the side in his inning of work. Offensively the A's were led by Brad Young 5x6 (4 2B's, 6 RBI's, Run), Jake Spaeth 4x5 (2B, RBI, SB, 5 Runs), Kevin Gonring 3x4 (2 RBI's, 2 Runs) and Austin Sarauer 2x3 (2 2B's, 2 RBI's, 2 BB's, Run). The A's play two games at Kiwanis Park this weekend, hosting a SWABA game at 2pm on Saturday and a Rock River game Sunday against Slinger at 2pm.

Kewaskum advances in Plymouth Tourney with 7-2 win

June 6th - The Kewaskum A's advanced to the second round of the Plymouth Tourney with a 7-2 win over Forest on Wednesday night. Brad Young (5IP, 2ER, 3 Hits, 2K's) picked up the win on the mound, while Austin Sarauer (4x4, 2B, 2 RBI's) led the A's at the plate.

The A's went up 2-0 in the 2nd inning as a double steal plated the first run, and an Alex Nuelk sac fly drove in the other. The A's put the game away in the 3rd inning as they tacked on four more runs as Austin Sarauer and Alex Nuelk each had RBI singles in the inning. With the win, the A's advance to play Saukville on June 13th (6:30pm) in a semi-final game at Plymouth.

A's hang on for 4-3 victory over Rubicon

June 3rd - The Kewaskum A's remained unbeaten in Rock River play on Sunday as they escaped Rubicon with a 4-3 victory. The A's led 4-0 heading into the bottom of the 9th, but a leadoff walk for Rubicon opened the door for a rally. Rubicon was able to get 3 runs off A's starting pitcher Jim Ziegler in the 9th before he was relieved by Brad Young with one out. Young was able to get a strikeout for the second out of the inning, but things got dicey when an intentional walk and hit batter loaded the bases. For the second time this season though, with the bases loaded and the game on the line, the A's were able to get a huge strikeout to end the game.

The A's went up 1-0 on Austin Sarauer's solo home run in the 4th and added another run in the inning on an error from Rubicon. The A's were able to tack on a single run in the 7th on a Kurt Zagzebski RBI single and another in the 9th on an Adam Sarauer RBI double. The A's were led offensively by Austin Sarauer 3x4 (HR, RBI), Brad Young 2x5 (2 SB's), and Dan Shea 2x5. Jim Ziegler (8.1 IP, 3ER, 3BB's, 5K's, 9 Hits) picked up the win, while Young picked up the well-deserved save in relief.

The A's have a busy week as they travel to Plymouth on Wednesday night to take on Forest in the Plymouth Tourney, and then to Hartford on Thursday for a night league contest. On Saturday the A's host two first round games for the SWABA baseball tournament in Kiwanis Park. West Bend 7up takes on Forest at 12pm, while the A's will play St.Peter at 2pm. To cap the week off on Sunday, the A's will be hosting a Kids Clinic at 10am and will follow that up with a Rock River league game against Slinger at 2pm in Kewaskum.

Big innings lift Kewaskum past Lannon/Sussex 12-8

June 1st - The Kewaskum A's used two big innings to propel themselves to a 12-8 win over Lannon/Sussex on Friday night. Trailing 5-3 in the 5th, the A's took advantage of three straight Lannon errors as Jim Ziegler (RBI single) Alex Nuelk (RBI Fielders Choice) and Jay Kuczynski (2 RBI single) helped plate four Kewaskum runs. The A's struck again in the 6th as they plated 5 more runs (all with two out). Adam Sarauer, Kevin Gonring, and Ziegler all had RBI singles, while Nuelk had a 2 RBI double.

Lucas Kopeschka (7 IP, 11 Hits, 5 ER, 4 K's, BB) picked up the win, while Jay Kuczynski threw the last two innings in relief. The A's were led offensively by Jason Strobel, Dan Shea, Adam Sarauer, Jim Ziegler and Alex Nuelk as they each pitched in with two hits apiece.

A's top Hustisford in home opener

May 27th - The Kewaskum A's grinded out a 9-3 win over Hustisford on Sunday afternoon to move to 6-4 overall (3-0 RR). Jason Strobel had a huge day at the plate going 4x4 (2 2B's, 3 RBI's) and Jim Ziegler (CG Win, 12 Hits, 3 ER's, BB, 3K's) pitched effective enough to keep Hustisford off the scoreboard as the A's pulled away late for the win.

Strobel got things started for the A's in the 1st as his RBI single scored Austin Sarauer to make it 1-0. The A's tacked on two more runs in the 3rd as Strobel again came through with a RBI double in the inning.

With the A's leading 3-0, Hustisford was able to tack on a single run in the 5th to cut the lead to 3-1. The A's came back with a single run in the 6th though, as Brad Young's RBI fielders choice pushed the lead to 4-1. Hustisford threatened in the 8th, but three fine defensive plays kept the guests off the board and Kewaskum put up a five spot in the 8th to pull away for the win. Luke Kopeschka had the knockout blow in the inning as he hit his first career homer (2 Run) to push the score to 9-1.

The A's are off until Friday when they travel to Lannon for a night league game at 7:30pm. The A's then have a huge Rock River matchup on Sunday as they travel to Rubicon to take on the defending Rock River champions at 1:30pm.

Young, Sarauer lead A's past Brookfield

May 23rd - The Kewaskum A's topped the Brookfield Bulldogs 11-1 on Wednesday night behind the arm of Brad Young and bat of Austin Sarauer. Sarauer, a last minute arrival for the A's, had a huge night at the plate going 3x6

(2B, HR, 5 RBI's), while Young tossed a complete game three-hitter on the mound. The A's jumped ahead with a seven run 2nd inning and never looked back from there. Sarauer had a 3 RBI bases clearing double in the inning, while Jason Strobel (RBI single) and Kevin Gonring (2 RBI single) drove in runs as well. Sarauer later added a solo homer in the 4th, and singled in a run in the 8th as the A's run by the 10 run rule.

Young picked up his first win of the year on the mound as he took a shutout into the 7th inning. He finished the night with 7 strikeouts, 1 walk and just the 3 hits allowed. With the win, Kewaskum moves to 5-4 (2-2 TCNL) on the year and looks to ride their recent momentum into the weekend. The A's will play their first home games of the year as they host Horicon at 2:30pm this Saturday and Hustisford at 1:30pm Sunday (both Rock River League games).

A's squeak out win against Oakfield on Sunday

May 20th - The Kewaskum A's escaped Oakfield with a 3-2 win in 11 innings on Sunday afternoon. The A's struggled offensively and defensively throughout, but were able to come through when needed to get the Rock River League win.

Kurt Zagzebski got the A's on the board with a solo homer in the top of the 1st, but that was all the offense the A's would produce until the 11th inning. Oakfield tied the score at 1-1 in the 3rd inning as a single followed by two Kewaskum errors led to the run. With the game still tied in the 9th, Oakfield put runners on 2nd and 3rd with nobody out. However A's starting pitcher, Jim Ziegler (9IP, 7 Hits, 0ER's, 5K's) was able to get a short fly to center, a pickoff of the runner on third and a strikeout to end the threat.

Oakfield again threatened in the 10th with two outs, as a single followed by a double in the gap looked like it might score the winning run for Oakfield. The relay throw from Austin Sarauer to Brad Young at home plate was right on the money though, and even after a violent collision at the plate, Young still hung on to the ball for the third out of the inning.

The A's finally pushed across the go-ahead runs in the 11th as a two-out walk to Ty Schill set the table for Austin Sarauer. Sarauer crushed a 2-1 offering to deep right for a homer to put the A's up 3-1. Oakfield would not go quietly though as they led off the 11th with a home run to cut the score to 3-2. The next two batters walked and after a sacrifice bunt the tying and winning runs were on 2nd and 3rd base. Relief and winning pitcher Jake Panzer was able to get a strikeout for the 2nd out of the inning, but followed that up with another walk to load the bases. After three straight balls to the next batter, Panzer was able to come back with three straight strikes (the last one swinging) to close out the game.

The win puts the A's at 4-4 (2-0 RR) on the year. The A's next play Wednesday as they host Brookfield in Brownsville for a Tri-County League game. The A's also host two Rock River League games in Kewaskum this weekend as Saturday they play Horicon at 2:30pm, and Hustisford on Sunday at 1:30pm.

A's top Neosho 8-4 in Tri-County action

May 18th - The Kewaskum A's knocked off the Neosho Rockets by a score of 8-4 on Friday night in Tri-County play. Lucas Kopeschka (Win, 6IP, 7 Hits, 3ER's, 8K's) and Brad Young (3IP, SV, 2 Hits, 4K's) shined on the mound, while Adam Sarauer (4x5, 2B, 2RBI's) and Dan Shea (2x3) led the A's offensively.

The A's tied the game at two in the 2nd on back-to-back RBI walks by Jay Kuczynski and Ty Schill, while Kurt Zagzebski's 3rd inning homer put the A's up briefly 3-2. Neosho responded back with a single run in the 4th to tie the game and another run in the 5th to take the lead. In the 5th, Adam Sarauer's RBI double tied the game back up at four, and Sarauer later came around to score on a wild pitch to put the A's up for good.

A's get back on track with Mother's Day victory

May 13th - The Kewaskum A's topped the Milwaukee Devil Dogs 13-3 on Sunday afternoon as the A's offense showed some signs of life in their first Rock River League game. The win puts the A's at 2-4 (1-0 RR) on the year. Jason Strobel put Kewaskum up 1-0 with a two-out RBI in the 1st and the A's never looked back from there as they pounded out 20 hits on the day. Brad Boegel's RBI double in the 2nd and Austin Sarauer's RBI single pushed the A's lead to 4-0 after two innings. Strobel and Boegel both chipped in with RBI's basehits again in the 5th inning to make it 6-0.

This proved to be enough run support for Kewaskum starting pitcher Jim Ziegler (5IP, 4 Hits, 0 Runs) who picked up the win, while Brad Boegel (2 IP, 3 Runs, 4K's) and Jake Panzer (2IP, 2K's) worked in relief. The A's were led offensively by Ty Schil 4x6 (2 RBI's), Jason Strobel 3x6 (2 RBI's) and Dan Shea 3x5. Kurt Zagzebski 2x5 (2B, RBI) and Brad Boegel 2x6 (2 2B's, 2 RBI's) also had nice days at the plate.

The A's return to the field on Friday night as they travel to Brownsville to take on the Neosho Rockets in Tri-County night league play. On Sunday the A's travel to Oakfield for a Rock River League matchup at 1:30pm.

A's offensive woes continue against Cedarburg

May 12th - The Kewaskum A's headed to Cedarburg on Saturday afternoon to take on the Mercs in a non-league tilt. Cedarburg exploded for 5 runs in the first inning though and that proved to be too much as the A's fell by a final score of 6-1. Lucas Kopeschka (5IP, 5 Runs, 4 Hits, 4 BB's, 5K's) picked up the loss on the mound, but pitched very effectively after the first inning. The A's did manage to out-hit the Mercs 7-6, as Adam Sarauer 2x3 and Kurt Zagzebski 1x4 (HR, RBI) led the way. The A's look to get back on track tomorrow as they head to Milwaukee for a Rock River league game.

A's offense goes missing in 2-0 loss to Clyman/Watertown

May 9th - The Kewaskum A's early season struggles continued in Watertown on Wednesday night as they dropped a 2-0 Tri-County game to the combined team of Clyman/Watertown. The A's had opportunities early to bust the game wide open, but the lack of timely hitting kept the A's off the board all night. The A's left 12 runners on base even though they managed only a handful of hits the entire game. The game did remain scoreless into the 6th until Watertown delivered with a two-out RBI single to go up 1-0. Clyman/Watertown added an insurance run in the 8th to push their lead to 2-0.

The A's would not go quietly as they were able to load the bases with one-out in the 9th, but a strikeout and flyout ended the game and threat. The A's were led offensively by Kevin Gonring (2 hits), while newcomer Alex Nuelk and Brad Young each chipped in with a hit. Jim Ziegler (6IP, 6 Hits, 6K's, 1 ER) took the loss on the mound. The A's return to action Saturday as they travel to Cedarburg for an exhibition game. On Sunday, the A's travel to Hartland to take on the Milwaukee Devil Dogs in their first Rock River League game of the year.

A's cough up 9-0 lead in loss to Oconomowoc

May 2nd - The Kewaskum A's were dealt a humbling blow by the Oconomowoc Five-O's Wednesday night, as the A's saw a 9-0 8th inning lead disappear as Oconomowoc put up 10 runs in the decisive 8th inning. Oconomowoc had 14 straight runners reach base at one point in the inning. The A's wasted solid performances on the mound by Jim Ziegler (3IP, 2 Hits, 2 K's) and Brad Boegel (3IP, 3 BB's, 3 K's) while Jake Spaeth, Brad Boegel, Brad Young and Jim Ziegler all pitched in with 2 hits offensively on the night. The loss drops Kewaskum to 1-2 (0-1 TCNL) on the year. The A's will look to regroup this weekend as they travel to Saukville on Saturday for an exhibition game, while on Sunday they travel to Slinger for their first Rock River game of the year.

A's pick up first win with 9-1 victory over Sun Prairie

April 21st - The Kewaskum A's raced ahead to a 3-0 lead after one inning and never looked back in a 9-1 win over Sun Prairie on Saturday night. The A's wasted little time getting on the board as Adam Sarauer's RBI single put the A's up 1-0 four batters in. Jake Panzer and Ty Schill would later follow in the inning with back-to-back bases loaded walks to put the score at 3-0.

The A's stretched the lead to 6-0 in the 2nd inning after a RBI double by Kurt Zagzebski and a 2 RBI single by Brad Boegel. This was more than enough run support for the A's pitchers. Jim Ziegler picked up the win throwing 4 scoreless innings, yielding just an infield single along with 5 strikeouts. Jake Panzer (IP, Hit, Run) and Brad Boegel (IP, 2 K's) followed in relief to close out the A's first win of the year. Kurt Zagzebski 2x4 (2B, RBI) and Brad Boegel 2x3 (2 RBI's) led the A's offensively.

The A's return to play on Wednesday night as they travel to West Bend for an exhibition game at 7pm. The A's will then take on Rubicon at 2pm Saturday in the conclusion of the Hustisford preseason tourney.

Milton comeback hands A's loss in first game of season

April 14th - The Kewaskum A's suffered a 6-5 loss to the Milton Raptors on Saturday night at the Hustisford Preseason Tourney. The A's entered the final inning up 5-3, but Milton quickly erased that lead as they scored three runs for the walk-off win.

Kurt Zagzebski's grand slam in the 2nd put the A's up 4-1 and Dan Shea drove in another run with a single later in the inning to push the lead to 5-1. It was all the scoring the A's would have on the night though as both teams struggled a bit offensively and defensively in their first game of the year.

Ryan Lloyd took the loss on the mound throwing in relief of Brad Young (4IP, 2 hits, 2 runs) and Jim Ziegler (2 IP, 1 hits, 1 run). The A's play again next Saturday (April 21st) against the Sun Prairie Diablos at 4pm.

The A's would also like to send out a thank you to everyone who made their annual brat fry a success on Saturday!!

2012 Season Preview

April 1st - The Kewaskum A's open up their season this weekend (April 14th) as they take on Milton at 6pm Saturday in the Hustisford Preseason Tournament. The A's are coming off a very successful 2011 campaign where they took home their first Rock River division championship since 1997 and nearly won the Rock River grand championship falling to Rubicon in the title game. The A's are in the middle of a successful run where they have averaged nearly 30 wins the past four seasons and with a few key additions this year, they should find themselves back in the mix again in 2012.

Kewaskum will once again play in the Rock River League (16 game league) and Tri-County Night League (10 game league). In addition the A's will be playing in the before-mentioned Hustisford Preseason Tournament, as well as the SWABA and NBC Tournaments. In addition, the A's will again be traveling to Austin, MN to partake in the SPAMtown Challenge looking to improve on their showing from last season.

Jason Strobel will return for his 12th season as player/manger and a large group of veterans will be back as well. These veterans include Jim Ziegler (Pitcher), Jake Panzer (Utility), Adam Sarauer (Infield), Ty Schill (Infield) Kurt Zagzebski (Outfield), Dan Shea (Infield), Brad Young (Infield), Jake Spaeth (Infield), Austin Sarauer (Outfield), Matt Bromley (Catcher) and Mitch Huffman (Pitcher). Newcomers Luke Kopeschka (Pitcher), Kevin Gonring (Utility), Jeremy Hall (Infield), and Cody Nuernburg (Pitcher) will also look to add to the talent filled roster this season. In addition, high schoolers Brad Boegel, Tony Gonring, Sam Olla and Brandon Chapman will pitch in before and after their high school seasons.

The A's will be hosting a brat fry this Saturday (April 14th) at the Piggly Wiggly in Kewaskum. Stop on out to grab a brat or soda and wish the A's luck on their upcoming season. The A's would also like to send out a huge thank you to all area businesses who have put forth a donation toward the A's this season. Without your help, Kewaskum A's baseball is not possible. Thank you again!!!

2012 Hustisford Astros Preseason Tournament

Saturday, April 14th

Game 1 -12:00 Horicon **2** Monches **6**
Game 2 - 2:00 Rubicon **2** Sussex **4**
Game 3 - 4:00 Hustisford **6** Sun Prairie **5**
Game 4 - 6:00 Kewaskum **5** Milton **6**

Sunday, April 15th – Rain Date

Saturday, April 21st

Game 5 – 12:00 Horicon **1** Rubicon **7**
Game 6 - 2:00 Monches **4** Sussex **5**
Game 7 – 4:00 Sun Prairie **1** Kewaskum **9**
Game 8 - 6:00 Hustisford **3** Milton **6**

Sunday, April 22nd – Rain Date

Saturday, April 28th

Game 9 - 12:00 Horicon vs. Sun Prairie
Game 10 - 2:00 Rubicon vs. Kewaskum
Game 11 - 4:00 Monches vs. Hustisford
Game 12 - 6:00 Sussex vs. Milton

Sunday, April 29th – Rain Date