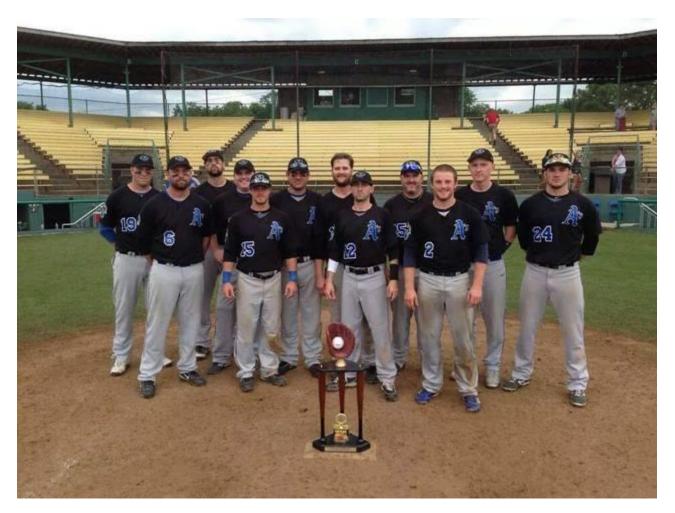
# 2014 Season

Final Record: 30-15 Rock River: 16-5 Tri-County: 5-5

- \*\* Rock River Northern Division Champions
- \*\* Tri-County Nite League Playoffs
- \*\* SPAMtown Challenge Runner-up



Front Row (L to R): Kurt Zagzebski, Austin Sarauer, Brad Boegel, Jim Ziegler, Jake Spaeth, Jason Strobel, Brad Young, Ty Schill, Scott Carberry, Joe Stubbe, Alex Nuelk, Tim Whitty

#### Jason Strobel Named to Rock River All-League Team

**November 10th -** The Kewaskum A's had just one team member take home All-League honors at Saturday night's Rock River League Banquet held in Hustisford. Jason Strobel (.429 Avg, 27 Hits, 17 Runs, 2 2B's, 4 HR, 16 RBI's, 6 SB) was named to the Rock River All-League as an outfielder. Additionally Strobel finished as runner-up in the batting title race and in the MVP voting. Despite the lack of team members present on the All-League team, the A's still managed to take home their FOURTH consecutive Rock River Northern Division Title while finishing the year with a 30-15 record.

#### A's Season Comes to a Disappointing Close

August 23rd- The Kewaskum A's 2014 season came to a disappointing close on Saturday as they fell to the Rubicon Red Sox by a 3-1 score. The A's went ahead 1-0 in the 2nd inning on an Alex Nuelk RBI infield single, but wasted a huge opportunity to put up multiple runs in the inning as they couldn't cash in with the bases loaded and nobody out. This would come back to haunt the A's as Rubicon scratched across a run in the 4th and two more in the 5th to take a 3-1 lead. The A's scoring opportunities were limited the rest of the way as their season came to an end.

Adam Sarauer & Austin Sarauer were the lone bright spots offensively on the day as each went 2x4. Jim Ziegler (6IP, 2ER) picked up the loss on the mound, while Jake Panzer (3IP) tossed three innings of scoreless relief to keep the game within striking distance. The A's finished the season with a 30-15 record and took home their fourth straight Rock River North regular season title along with a runner-up finish in the SPAMtown Challenge (Austin, MN). The A's continue to have tremendous success on the field, but will look to make some minor adjustments this offseason in hopes of bringing home another Rock River Title.

\*\*The Brownsville 49ers went on to defeat Rubicon in the Northern Division championship and also took home the Rock River Grand Championship winning the three game series against Neosho. The 49ers were the 'hump' the A's couldn't get over this year as they dropped three one-run games to them, including a tough 2-1 game in 10 innings in the divisional playoffs.

#### Kewaskum Suffers 2-1 Loss to Brownsville

August 17th - On Sunday, the A's hosted their nemesis and rival the Brownsville 49ers in a divisional playoff game in Kewaskum. These two teams have played some spectacular games over the years and Sunday was no different. Brownsville went up early in this one pushing across a single run in the 2nd on a RBI groundout. The score would remain 1-0 all the way until the 7th inning when Austin Sarauer tied the game at one apiece with a lead off home run. The A's looked like they might take the lead in this inning as well, but the tying run was thrown out at the plate after a basehit by Ty Schill to rightfield.

The game remained tied into the 10th inning as the A's missed opportunity after opportunity to take the lead/win this one. Brownsville on the other hand took advantage of the chances presented and was able to push across a single run in the 10th for a 2-1 lead. Now down 2-1, the A's started the bottom of the 10th with a leadoff double by Jake Spaeth. After a groundout moved Spaeth to third it looked like the A's would have a great chance to tie this game up. However, for the third consecutive inning the A's could not get a runner in from third base with less than two outs and fell in a heart-breaker 2-1. The A's finished the game 1x13 at the plate with runners in scoring position and left a small village on the base paths.

Brad Young suffered the complete game loss on the mound despite not yielding an earned run (10IP, 8 Hits, 10K's), while Austin Sarauer 2x4 (2B, HR, RBI) and Jake Spaeth 2x4 (2 2B's) led the A's offensively. The good news for the A's is their season is not over and they have a chance to redeem themselves on Saturday as they will host the Rubicon Red Sox at 1:30pm in Kewaskum in a Rock River playoff elimination game. The winner of this game will advance to play Brownsville (in Brownsville) on Sunday looking to keep their season alive.

#### A's Top Hartford 4-2 in Divisional Playoffs

**August 16th -** The Kewaskum A's picked up a big 4-2 win over Hartford on the opening day of the Rock River playoffs Saturday. The A's struck first in this one as Ty Schill came in to score on an errant pick-off attempt in the 3rd inning to give the A's an early 1-0 lead. In the 4th, the A's pushed across two more runs for a 3-0 lead. Jason Strobel doubled to lead off that inning and eventually came around to score on a wild pitch, while Jordan Kuczynski's sacrifice fly brought in the second run of the inning.

The score remained here until the 8th inning when Hartford pushed across two runs and put the tying run on third with two outs. The A's found themselves in a similar situation last year against Hartford in the opening round of the playoffs, up 1-0 in the 8th inning, only to see Hartford take a 2-1 lead and go on for the win., However this year the A's were able to get out of the inning with the lead and hung on for the win.

Jim Ziegler (9IP, 2ER, 8 Hits, 8K's) picked up the complete game win on the mound, while Jason Strobel 2x4 (2B) led the opportunistic A's offense.

## A's Fall to Pewaukee in Tri-County Playoffs

**August 13th -** The Kewaskum A's appearance in this year's Tri-County Playoffs was short-lived as they dropped an 11-2 contest to Pewaukee on Wednesday night in West Bend knocking them out of the single elimination playoffs. Adam Sarauer gave the A's a 1-0 lead in the 1st inning with a two out RBI single, but it was all Pewaukee after that as they battered A's pitching to the tune of 14 hits. All was not lost on the night though as the A's got to face three quality pitchers from Pewaukee in what amounted to a tune-up for this weekend's Rock River Divisional Playoffs. Adam Sarauer 2x4 (2B, 2 RBI's) and Alex Nuelk 2x4 led the A's at the plate while Lucas Kopeschka (4IP, 3ER, 3K's) took the loss on the mound.

#### Offense Shines Bright in Win Over Ashippun

**August 10th -** The A's finished up the Rock River regular season with a 14-4 (7 innings) win over Ashippun on Sunday. The win clinches the Rock River Northern Division regular season title outright for the A's and puts their record at 29-12 (15-3 RRL) as they head into the Rock River playoffs. On Sunday, RBI singles by Adam Sarauer and Jordan Kuczynski put the A's up 2-0 in the 1st inning and paved the way for a big offensive day. Kurt Zagzebski added to that lead in the 2nd inning with a three-run home run to make it 5-0 Kewaskum.

The A's added six more runs in the 3rd inning to go up 11-0 as the big blow in this inning was a grand slam by Austin Sarauer. Ashippun cut the A's lead to 11-4 after four complete innings, but Austin Sarauer delivered again, this time with a two run home run in the 5th inning to push the lead back to 13-4. Brad Young settled in from there on the mound to pick up the complete game

win (7IP, 4 ER, 6 Hits, 5 K's). The A's pounded out 18 hits on the day and were led by Adam Sarauer's 4x4 (2 2B's, RBI) day. Jordan Kuczynski 3x4 (RBI) and Austin Sarauer 3x5 (2 HR's, 2B, 7 RBI's) also had big days at the plate. Brad Young, Kurt Zagzebski and Nick Rosenthal all chipped in with two hits on the day as well.

The stage has now been set for the Rock River playoffs which get underway this coming weekend (August 16 & 17). The A's will host the defending league champion Hartford Hawks on Saturday at 1:30pm at Kiwanis Park. Win or lose, the A's will host a second playoff game on Sunday at 1:30pm as well (against either the winner/loser of the Brownsville/Rubicon game). Hope to see everyone there for a great weekend of baseball!!

#### Sarauer's Walk-off Single Gives A's Share of Division Title

**August 9th -** The Kewaskum A's won in walk-off fashion for the second consecutive game on Saturday as Austin Sarauer's RBI single in the 10th gave the A's a dramatic 4-3 win over Rubicon. The win also clinched a share of the A's fourth straight regular season division title and gives them the number one seed in the upcoming Rock River North Playoffs.

In Saturday's contest both teams were relatively quiet through four innings as each starting pitcher came out of the gate sharp. Rubicon took advantage of a Kewaskum error in the 5th to push across a single run, but the A's responded right back in the bottom of the 5th with a two-out RBI single by Jake Spaeth to tie the game.

The A's took a brief 2-1 lead in the 6th with a two-out RBI single from Adam Sarauer, but another defensive miscue in the 7th led to another Rubicon run, tying the score at two apiece. The A's bounced right back again though as this time Kurt Zagzebski delivered with a two-out RBI single giving the A's a 3-2 lead. The score remained here until the 9th, when Rubicon came through with a one-out RBI single off of A's starting pitcher Jim Ziegler to tie the score at three.

Both teams went quiet in the next at-bat, but in the A's half of the 10th Brad Young worked a walk to lead-off the inning and advanced to second on a wild pitch. A strikeout and an intentional walk followed setting the table for Austin Sarauer who proceeded to smash a basehit to right to score the winning run and giving the A's their second consecutive walk-off win! Ziegler (10IP, 2ER, 7 Hits, 3K's) picked up the complete game win on the mound, while Jake Spaeth & Kurt Zagzebski led the A's at the plate with two hits and a RBI each

#### A's Walk-off with win in 12 innings Against Hustisford

**August 6th -** The A's got a much needed Rock River League win over Hustisford on Wednesday night rallying from a 2-0 deficit late in the game and eventually winning 3-2 on a walk-off double in the 12th inning. The win puts the A's at 27-12 (13-3 RRL) and sets up a showdown with Rubicon on Saturday (noon start) with the winner taking home the Rock River Northern Division Regular Season Title. In last night's game, Hustisford scored one run in both the 3rd and 5th innings to pull ahead, while the A's could muster only two hits through six innings.

The crafty veteran Jake Panzer (11 IP, ER, 6 Hits, 5 K's) pitched well and kept the A's in the game until they finally got things rolling in the 7th inning. Jim Ziegler led off the inning with a double and advanced to third on a Nick Rosenthal groundout to bring up Ty Schill. Schill put together a great at-bat fouling off nearly 10 pitches with two strikes, before finally putting a ball in play that was able to score Ziegler from third. In the 8th inning a leadoff walk to Kurt Zagzebski and a double by Jason Strobel gave Kewaskum runners on 2nd and 3rd with nobody out. A strikeout followed, but Brad Boegel was able to deliver with a sacrifice fly to tie the game at two apiece.

The game would remain here until the 12th when Strobel reached via a walk and stole second giving the A's a chance for the win. Back-to-back strikeouts followed for the first two outs of the inning bringing up Jim Ziegler. This time the A's cashed in on the opportunity as Ziegler ripped a double to deep center to plate Strobel and give the A's the walk-off win. Ziegler (IP) snagged the win in relief and finished the night 3x5 (2 2B's, RBI) at the plate. Strobel finished 2x4 (2B), but the hero of the night might have been Jake Panzer who worked though 11 innings on the mound to keep the A's in the game throughout.

### A's Clinch Rock River Playoff Berth With Win Over Lebanon

**August 1st** - The Kewaskum A's picked up a much needed win on Friday night over the Lebanon Whitetails winning by a score of 13-0 in 7 innings. The win clinches a spot for the A's in the upcoming Rock River Playoffs and puts their record at 26-12 (12-2 RRL).

In Friday night's game Kewaskum took advantage of two big Lebanon errors to race ahead to a 5-0 lead after three innings. The A's began to pour things on in the 4th pushing across five runs in the inning. In the 4th Jordan Kuczynski and Jason Strobel each collected RBI singles, while Austin Sarauer delivered with a 2 RBI double. Kurt Zagzebski also added a sacrifice fly in the inning leaving the A's with a 10-0 lead after four complete innings. Jim Ziegler (7IP, 3 Hits, BB, 5 K's) made this lead hold up the rest of the way on the mound in picking up the complete game shutout. Offensively the A's were led by Kurt Zagzebski, Jason Strobel, Adam Sarauer, Jim Ziegler and Nick Rosenthal who all chipped in with two hits each on the night.

This win Friday set the table for a showdown with Rubicon on Sunday in Kewaskum, which got off to a great start for the A's who led 3-0 into the bottom of the 4th inning. However heavy heavy rains wiped out the remainder of the game and left the A's with a busy last week of the regular season. The A's have three Rock River League games remaining this week as they fight for their fourth straight

Northern Division Title along with the #1 seed in the upcoming playoffs. The games this week get started on Wednesday as the A's will take on Hustisford at 7:30pm (at Hustisford). On Saturday the A's will host Rubicon again and then on Sunday the A's head to Ashippun for the Rock River regular season finale.

#### Struggles Continune Against West Bend, A's Fall 6-2

**July 31st -** The Kewaskum A's continued to scuffle as they dropped a 6-2 NCS Tourney game to West Bend 7up on Thursday night in Hartford. Kurt Zagzebski's RBI single in the 1st inning gave the A's a brief 1-0 lead, but West Bend tied the game at one apiece in the bottom of the inning and took charge of the game with a big four run 4th inning. The A's finished with 8 hits on the night, but couldn't piece together a big inning to get back into the game. Jake Spaeth led the A's at the plate going 2x4 (2B) while Adam Sarauer and Tim Whitty each contributed doubles of their own on the night.

Earlier in the evening the A's finished up their Rock River League game with Hartford, a game that was tied 3-3 in the bottom of the 7th inning. In this game Hartford quickly broke the 3-3 tie with a two-out 2 RBI single in the bottom of the 7th which proved to be too much for the A's to overcome with just two innings to play. The A's look to get back on track tonight as they host the Lebanon Whitetails (in Brownsville, 7pm start) in a Rock River League contest. A win tonight would ensure the A's a spot in the upcoming Rock River playoffs and set the table a big showdown with Rubicon Sunday in Kewaskum for first place in the Rock River Northern Division.

#### A's Fall to Oconomowoc, Hustisford Game Rained Out

July 24th - The A's traveled to Johnson Creek on Thursday night for a Tri-County game looking to build some momentum for the end of the season, but instead were handed a 12-2 defeat in 7 innings by the Oconomowoc Titans. Kewaskum actually held an early 1-0 lead plating a run on an Oconomowoc error in the 2nd inning, but it was all Titans after that. Brad Young, Tim Whitty and Jim Ziegler all collected doubles on the night in a game that didn't have many other positive takeaways. The A's game on Sunday against Hustisford was rained out as well and will be rescheduled sometime the week of August 3rd.

Next week shapes up to be a huge week for the A's as they travel to Hartford on Thursday night (7pm) to finish up a Rock River game halted at 3-3 in the 7th inning. Following the conclusion of that game the A's will take on West Bend 7up in a second round NCS Tournament game. On Friday night the A's host the Lebanon Whitetails in a Rock River game in Brownsville (7pm) and then on Sunday the A's host Rubicon (1:30pm) in a key Rock River matchup.

## Sloppy Inning Dooms A's in Loss to Brookfield

**July 19th -** After a long Friday night of games in the WI Amateur Baseball Classic, the A's found themselves in a position to advance out of their pool with a win over Brookfield on Saturday morning. Both teams went quietly through three innings, but in the dreadful 4th Brookfield capitalized on mistake after mistake by the A's to come away a huge SEVEN run inning. The A's did respond back with back-to-back homers by Kurt Zagzebski and Austin Sarauer in the bottom of the 4th inning, but the big inning by Brookfield was just too much for the A's to overcome as they went on to lose by a score of 9-2.

Even though the A's failed to advance out of pool play in the WI Amateur Baseball Classic this past weekend, the entire tournament, that they co-host with West Bend 7up, went as smooth as you could have hoped. Brownsville would go on to win the championship on Sunday afternoon topping Brookfield by a 5-1 score.

#### A's Hold off Manistee (MI) in WABC Game

**July 18th -** The A's rebounded with a 7-5 win over Manistee (MI) on Friday night, keeping their hopes of advancing out of their WABC pool alive in the process. Jason Strobel's 2 RBI single in the 1st put the A's up 2-0, and Kurt Zagzebski added to this lead with a 3 RBI single in the 2nd inning to give the A's a solid lead after two innings. Joe Stubbe added to this lead with a RBI single in the 6th to make the score 7-2 and Jim Ziegler (7IP, 4ER, 10Hits, 5K's) made this lead hold up on the mound as the A's picked up a much needed win. Kurt Zagzebski 2x4 (3 RBI's) led the A's at the plate.

### Muskego Walk's off With Win Over Kewaskum

**July 16th -** The Muskego Impact overcame an early 3-0 deficit to rally for a 4-3 walk-off win over the Kewaskum A's on Wednesday night in a WI Amateur Baseball Classic (WABC) pool play game. The A's raced ahead to an early 2-0 lead in the 1st inning taking advantage of two Muskego errors. Ty Schill came around to score on an error for Kewaskum's first run of the day while Brad Boegel drove in the second run with a RBI single.

Boegel pushed the A's lead to 3-0 in the 3rd inning as he again came through with another RBI single. It was all down hill from here for the A's though as a sloppy bottom of the 3rd inning allowed Muskego to tie the game at three apiece. Kewaskum could not muster much offensively the rest of the way and Muskego pushed across a run in the bottom of the 7th to walk-off with the win. Adam Sarauer 2x3 (2B) and Brad Boegel 2x3 (2 RBI's) led the A's at the plate while Brad Young (6.1IP, 2ER, 6 Hits, 7K's) suffered the loss on the mound.

#### A's Stung by Slinger

**July 13th** - The Kewaskum A's fell to the Slinger Stingers by a score of 4-2 on Sunday afternoon dropping the A's to 11-2 (24-7 overall) in the Rock River League. Even with the loss Sunday, the A's still remain atop the North Division Standings.

Slinger jumped ahead with two runs in the 1st inning and eventually extended this lead to 4-0 in the 6th. The A's on the other hand couldn't get much going offensively all day. Brad Young was the lone bright spot as he blasted a two-run homer in the 6th to keep the A's at least in the game.

This was as close as the A's would get though. Kewaskum made things interesting loading the bases in the 9th, but a game-ending double-play ended any comeback. Jim Ziegler (6IP, 4ER, 9 Hits) picked up the loss on the mound, while Young provided the only offense on the day. The A's return to the field Wednesday night as they take on the Muskego Impact at 8:45pm in West Bend in their first pool play game of the WI Amateur Baseball Classic (WABC). The A's also play WABC games at 5pm Friday vs. Manistee (MI) and Saturday at 10am vs. the Brookfield Bulldogs, all games in West Ben. A full schedule of tournament games can be found here: wabc.atomicleagues.com

#### **Kewaskum Wins Shootout With Oakfield**

**July 12th -** The Kewaskum A's won a shootout over Oakfield on Saturday afternoon coming away with a 13-9 victory. The team's combined for 25 hits on a day where no lead was safe. Kewaskum went ahead 1-0 on a Jason Strobel RBI single in the top of the 1st inning, but Oakfield scored two runs in the bottom half of the inning to take a guick 2-1 lead.

Strobel delivered again in the 3rd inning as he blasted a three-run home run to put the A's up 4-2. Oakfield again responded right back though with three runs of their own to take a 5-4 lead. The A's used a big four run 5th inning to jump ahead 8-5 after five complete innings. Alex Nuelk (2 RBI single) and Joe Stubbe (RBI single) had run scoring hits in the inning. Oakfield would not stay down for long though as they pushed across four runs in the 6th to take a 9-8 lead.

The A's were able to regroup after that pushing across two runs (without any hits) in the top of the 7th inning to take a 10-9 lead. The A's added three big insurance runs in the 8th, pushing the lead to 13-9 and were able to hang on from there. Mitch Huffman (6IP, 6ER, 4 K's) picked up the win on the mound, while Jim Ziegler (3IP, 2 K's) threw the final three innings to pick up the save in relief. Offensively the A's were led by Jason Strobel 3x5 (HR, 4 RBI's) and Alex Nuelk 3x5 (2 RBI's). Kurt Zagzebski and Joe Stubbe both chipped in with two hits on the day as well.

#### A's Hang on for 5-3 Win Over Oconomowoc

**July 11th -** The Kewaskum A's hung on for a 5-3 Tri-County win over the Oconomowoc Five-O's on Friday night in Juneau. The A's went ahead 1-0 in the 1st inning on a Kurt Zagzebski solo home run to center and Jordan Kuczynski's 2 RBI single in the 2nd inning pushed the A's lead to 3-0.

Leading 4-0 in the 6th, Oconomowoc cut the A's lead to 4-3 as they pushed across 3 runs off of A's starter Alex Nuelk. This was as close as Oconomowoc would get though as Nick Whitty (3IP, Hit, 2 K's) came on in relief and shut down the Five-O's to pick up the save. Nuelk (6IP, 6 Hits, 3 ER, 2 K's) picked up his third win of the year on the mound. Alex Nuelk 2x4 (2B) and Joe Stubbe 2x4 (SB) each had multi-hit games on the night.

#### A's Swing Their Way Into First With 11-4 Win Over Brownsville

**July 8th -** The Kewaskum A's moved into sole possession of first in the Rock River North standings after a big 11-4 win Tuesday night over the Brownsville 49ers. Brad Boegel (7IP, 5 Hits, ER, 5K's) picked up the win on the mound, while offensively the A's pounded out 17 hits on the night. Kewaskum took the early 1-0 lead on Jason Strobel's RBI single in the 1st inning, but Brownsville scored two runs on a sacrifice fly and an error in the 2nd inning to retake the lead at 2-1. It was all Kewaskum after that though as Adam Sarauer's two-out 2 RBI double in the 3rd inning gave the A's a lead they would never relinquish.

Jason Strobel added to the lead in the 5th inning as he blasted a two-run homer pushing the lead to 5-2. The A's tacked some insurance runs on late as Strobel had another RBI single in the 8th and Jordan Kuczynski (2 RBI single) and Jake Spaeth (RBI single) added run scoring hits in the 9th. Jake Spaeth 3x5 (RBI), Brad Young 3x6 (RBI) and Jason Strobel 3x4 (HR, 4 RBI's) led the A's at the plate. Adam Sarauer 2x4 (2 2B's, 2 RBI's) and Alex Nuelk 2x3 (2B) also had solid nights offensively. With the win the A's record improves to 22-6 (10-1 Rock River League). A trio of games awaits the A's this weekend as they head to Juneau on Friday night to play the Oconomowoc Five-O's in a Night League contest. On Saturday the A's head to Oakfield (3pm) for a Rock River matchup and on Sunday the A's finally return home for a Rock River game against Slinger (1:30pm).

#### **Nuelk Dominates in Win Over Benders**

**July 1st** - After a long, long weekend in Minnesota the A's returned to field on Tuesday night to take on the West Bend Benders in a Tri-County Night League game. The A's tallied single runs in each of the first three innings to move ahead 3-0 and this proved to be more than enough run support for Alex Nuelk on the mound as he picked up the complete game win. In just his third appearance on the mound for the A's, Nuelk allowed just 3 hits and finished with 11 strikeouts on the night.

Kam Koplitz's RBI single got the A's on the board in the 1st inning, while Scott Carberry blasted his first homer with the A's in the 2nd inning to give the A's a 2-0 lead. Joe Stubbe doubled in the third run of the night for Kewaskum to make it 3-0 after three innings. The A's would go on to tally 10 hits on the night and were led by Adam Sarauer, Kam Koplitz, Joe Stubbe and Paul Kaufmann who all finished with 2 hits apiece. The A's next game is Tuesday (July 8th) at Brownsville in a battle for first in the Rock River North Standings.

## A's Bid for SPAMtown Title Comes up Short

June 29th - The Kewaskum A's fell to the Chaska (MN) Cubs by a final score of 4-2 (8 innings) on Sunday in the championship game of the SPAMtown Challenge coming up just short in their bid of the coveted tourney title. The A's scratched across a single run in the first inning on a two-out RBI single by Jason Strobel and Brad Young (pitching in his second game of the day) made this lead hold up well into the 6th inning. Young actually took a perfect game to the 6th, but a leadoff walk ended that. He still had the no-hitter intact with a runner on third and two outs in the 6th, but a bunt single broke up the no-no. The following batter ripped a ball down the rightfield line to tie the game at one apiece.

The game remained tied into the 8th, when Young began to run out of steam on the mound. Chaska (MN) was able to push across three runs in the inning and took a 4-1 lead to the bottom of the 8th inning. The A's would not go quietly though as they continued to battle to the bitter end. Jake Spaeth led off the 8th with a double and Brad Young followed with a single putting runners on the corners. After a flyout to centerfied, Kurt Zagzebski delivered with a RBI single to cut the deficit to 4-2, but the Chaska (MN) starting pitcher was able to get back-to-back strikeouts to end the game.

Young (7.1 IP, 4 Hits, 3 ER, 3 K's) took the loss on the mound, while Jake Spaeth 2x4 (2B) was the only 'A' with multiple hits. It was a disappointing end to a great weekend for the A's who finished 5-1 on the trip, but come back with some stories that will last a lifetime. Special thanks to the tourney hosts in Austin for putting on a fabulous tourney as always!! We are counting down the days until next year already!!

#### **Kewaskum Reaches SPAMtown Title Game**

**June 29th -** The Kewaskum A's advanced to the championship of the SPAMtown Challenge with a 7-4 win over Burnsville (MN) on Sunday afternoon. Kewaskum raced ahead to a 7-0 lead after two innings and were able to hold off a late charge by Burnsville (MN) to hang on for the victory. Brad Young (7IP, 3ER, 12 Hits, 2 K's) picked up the complete game win while Jake Spaeth, Young and Austin Sarauer all collected two hits for the game.

The A's first run of the day came on an Austin Sarauer RBI double in the 1st inning scoring Jake Spaeth who had doubled earlier in the inning. Two batters later Jason Strobel knocked in Sarauer with a RBI triple to deep rightcenter. Strobel later came around to score on a Brad Boegel RBI single to make it 3-0 Kewaskum.

The A's tacked on four more runs in the 2nd inning to push their lead to 7-0. In this inning Austin Sarauer just missed a grand slam to centerfield, but settled for a 2 RBI double instead. Kurt Zagzebski followed that up with a RBI single and Strobel followed with a RBI fielder's choice.

### Kewaskum Wins Pool B, Advances to Sunday's Semi-Finals

**June 28th** - The Kewaskum A's advanced to the semi-finals of the SPAMtown Challenge after beating the Austin (MN) Blue Sox 6-3 and winning pool B in the process. Mitch Huffman (7IP, 2ER, 6 K's) picked up the complete game win while Jake Spaeth 3x4 (2B, RBI), Kurt Zagzebski 2x4 (HR, 2 RBI's) and Austin Sarauer 1x3 (2B, 3 RBI's) led the way offensively.

Jake Spaeth gave the A's an early 1-0 lead in the 2nd with a RBI single and Kurt Zagzebski added a two-run home run an inning later to make it 3-0 Kewaskum. Austin Sarauer pushed the lead to 5-0 in the 4th with a 2 RBI double and Huffman made this early lead stand up on the mound. The A's advance to the final four of the SPAMtown Challenge for the second year in a row.

## Big 5th Inning Propels A's Past St. Paul (MN)

**June 28th -** The A's continued their recent trend of falling behind early and scratching out a rally late in their 8-6 win over the St. Paul (MN) Capitals on Saturday morning. The A's found themselves down in this one 4-0 after three complete innings and appeared to be in big trouble as 7 of the first 9 hitters had struck out. Things started to come together in the 5th though as Brad Boegel and Alex Nuelk singled to start off the inning. Joe Stubbe then reached on an error scoring one run and Ty Schill followed with a RBI single to cut the lead to 4-2.

A fielder's choice by Spaeth loaded the bases for Brad Young who walked sending in another run. This brought up Austin Sarauer who delivered with a 2 RBI single giving the A's their first lead of the day. A RBI double by Jason Strobel followed later in the inning as well as another RBI single by Ty Schill. When it was all said and done with the A's had sent 14 batters to the plate and 8 runs had come around to score.

Brad Boegel (7IP, 9 Hits, 6K's) would make this lead hold up on the mound as the A's moved to 2-0 in pool play of the tournament. Austin Sarauer 3x4 (2 RBl's) and Ty Schill 2x4 (2 RBl's) led the A's at the plate.

#### A's Rally Late to Top Westmont (IL) in SPAMtown Challenge

**June 27th -** The Kewaskum A's rallied late for the second consecutive game, this time topping Westmont (IL) 7-4 in their first pool play game of the SPAMtown Challenge in Austin, MN. Kurt Zagzebski gave the A's an early 1-0 lead with a RBI single in the 1st inning, but Westmont (IL) answered back in the top of the inning to tie the game at one. Joe Stubbe's RBI single in the 2nd gave the A's the lead again, but Westmont (IL) again answered back this time with two runs giving them a 3-2 lead.

Westmont (IL) pushed their lead to 4-2 in the 3rd with a solo homer and it looked like the A's might be in trouble in this one. However, winning pitcher Jim Ziegler (7IP, 7 Hits, 3 ER) settled in from here giving the A's a chance late for the comeback. The A's did just that cutting the lead to 4-3 in the 5th and tying it at four apiece in the 6th on Scott Carberry's RBI single.

The A's completed the comeback in the 7th as Austin Sarauer's bases loaded 2 RBI single gave the A's a 6-4 lead. Brad Boegel later followed with a sacrifice fly to knock in the A's final run of the day, while Jim Ziegler made this lead hold up in the bottom of the 7th to secure the win. Jake Spaeth, Austin Sarauer and Joe Stubbe all collected two hits on the day.

#### A's Overcome Early Deficit to Top Red Wing (MN)

**June 26th -** The Kewaskum A's got their weekend trip to Minnesota off to a good start with an 8-6 win over Red Wing (MN) on Thursday night. Kewaskum found themselves down 5-0 after two innings, but a 2 RBI double by Kurt Zagzebski and a RBI single by Jason Strobel in the 3rd inning put the A's down just 5-3.

The A's erased the early deficit in the 4th as Tim Whitty's RBI single and Jake Spaeth sacrifice fly knotted this game up at five apiece. Red Wing (MN) regained the lead at 6-5 in the bottom half of the 4th inning, however a RBI double in the 6th inning by Ty Schill was able to tie this game back up at six.

The score remained here until the 9th when with one out Jake Spaeth ripped a 2 RBI triple to give the A's an 8-6 lead. Alex Nuelk shut the door from here in picking up his first win on the mound. Nuelk came on in relief in the 5th inning and was masterful giving up just 4 hits to go along with 8 strikeouts. Tim Whitty 3x4 (RBI, SB), Jake Spaeth 2x5 (3B, 3 RBI's), Jason Strobel 2x4 (RBI) and Brad Boegel 2x4 (2B) led the A's at the plate on the night.

## Young's Big Day Lifts Kewaskum Past Juneau

**June 21st -** The Kewaskum A's moved back in to the win column with a convincing 10-0 (8 innings) win over Juneau on Saturday afternoon at Kiwanis Park. Brad Young was dominant on the mound yielding just two hits to go along with nine strikeouts in picking up the complete game win. Young also had a big day at the plate finishing 3x5 (3 RBI's). Ty Schill also chipped in with three hits on the day.

The A's pushed across their first runs of the day in the 3rd inning with a Jake Spaeth RBI double and Brad Young RBI single. Austin Sarauer followed with a sacrifice fly to drive in the A's third run of the inning. The A's added three more runs in the 6th inning on a sacrifice fly by Jordan Kuczynski, RBI fielder's choice by Spaeth and another RBI single by Young. Four more runs came across in the 8th for Kewaskum to end the game via the '10 run-rule'. Ty Schill and Kurt Zagzebski added RBI singles in the inning while Brad Young and Austin Sarauer each had RBI sacrifice flies. The A's finished with an unusual FOUR sacrifice flies on the game.

#### 2014 SPAMtown Challenge Schedule Announced

June 19th - The pools and schedule for the upcoming 10th annual SPAMtown Challenge in Austin, MN (June 26-29) were released this past weekend. The A's find themselves in a pool with the Westmont (IL) Red Sox, St. Paul (MN) Capitals and Austin (MN) Blue Sox. Kewaskum will look to improve on their semi-final appearance from a year ago, but in a very deep tournament field this will again be quite the task. The A's first pool play game will be Friday afternoon as they take on Westmont (IL) at 2:30pm at Marcusen Park. Then on Saturday morning at 10am the A's play the St. Paul (MN) Capitals. The A's conclude pool play with a game Saturday afternoon against the Austin (MN) Blue Sox (1:45pm) at Marcusen Park. If the A's were to win their pool they advance to Sunday morning's semi-finals. The A's have again picked up a game on the front end of the tourney as well as they will travel to Red Wing (MN) to take on Aces on Thursday night (7:30pm).

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
Austin (MN) Greyhounds	Austin (MN) Blue Sox	Rochester (MN) Royals	Mankato (MN) Mets
Hayfield (MN) Heat	Kewaskum (WI) A's	Sparta (WI) Miller	Burnsville (MN) Bobcats
Shakopee (MN) Indians	Westmont (IL) Red Sox	Chaska (MN) Cubs	Minnetonka (MN) Millers
St. Paul (MN) River Pirates	St. Paul (MN) Capitals	Forest Lake (MN) Brewers	Tri-City (MN) Shark





## Hartford Blanks Kewaskum 7-0

**June 19th -** The A's dropped a Tri-County Night League game to the Hartford Hawks on Thursday night by a score of 7-0. Hartford broke through for two runs in the 5th inning off A's starter Alex Johnson and broke the game wide open in the 8th with four unearned

runs all with two outs. Johnson (5IP, 2ER, 9 Hits) pitched effectively in his first appearance, but the A's could not get him any run support. The A's mustered just six hits on the night and were led by Alex Nuelk who was 2x4 (2B).

#### A's Complete Weekend with 9-0 Win Over Ashippun

**June 15th -** The A's capped the Father's Day weekend with a 9-0 win over Ashippun on Sunday afternoon. A 2nd inning bases loaded walk to Ty Schill brought in the only run the A's would need on the day as the pitching combination of Jim Ziegler (7IP, 3 Hits, 5 K's) and Jake Panzer (2IP, Hit, 3 K's) kept Ashippun off the scoreboard all afternoon.

Jordan Kuczynski added to the A's lead in the 5th as he had a RBI double and Kurt Zagzebski's RBI single in the 6th made it 4-0 Kewaskum. Austin Sarauer's 2 RBI double in the 7th pushed the A's lead to 7-0 and they were able to hang on from there.

Offensively the A's were led by Joe Stubbe 3x4 and Jason Strobel 3x5 (2B) while Jordan Kuczynski 2x3 (2B, RBI) and Kurt Zagzebski 2x5 (RBI) each finished with two hits on the day. At the halfway point of the regular season, the A's now sit at 14-4 overall and 8-1 in the Rock River North Standings, tied with Brownsville for the division lead. The A's have four games this coming week as they play the Oconomowoc Five-O's (Wednesday) and Hartford (Thursday) in Tri-County Night League games. On Saturday the A's host Juneau at Kiwanis Park and on Sunday the A's head to Hartford again (both weekend games are Rock River League contests starting at 1:30pm).

#### Clutch Homers, Pitching Carry A's Past Rubicon

**June 14th -**The Kewaskum A's picked up a big 5-2 win over Rubicon on Saturday afternoon to stay atop the Northern Division standings of the Rock River League. Jason Strobel got the A's on the board in 2nd inning with a long solo homer to left and Brad Young broke a 1-1 tie in the 7th with a solo home run of his own.

Kurt Zagzebski later added a RBI double in the 7th inning to push the A's lead to 3-1, but Rubicon was able to get one of those runs back in the bottom half of the inning off of A's starting pitcher Brad Boegel (7IP, Win, 6 Hits, 9K's). Boegel did a nice job of limiting the damage in the 7th though as he escaped a bases loaded, nobody out jam giving up just the one run.

Joe Stubbe extended the A's lead to 5-2 with a clutch 2 RBI single in the 9th and Jim Ziegler (2IP, 3 K's) was able to finish off the game on the mound for the save. Jordan Kuczynski led the A's with three hits on the day while Jason Strobel, Kurt Zagzebski and Joe Stubbe all added two hits.

#### **Huffman Leads the Way in Win Over Clyman**

**June 12th -** The Kewaskum A's got a great performance on the mound by Mitch Huffman and clutch hits by Adam Sarauer and Brad Young to pull out a 3-1 victory over Clyman on Thursday night. The A's got on the board in the 4th inning taking a 1-0 lead on a two-out RBI single to right by Adam Sarauer. The score remained here until the 6th when Clyman came through with a two-out RBI single of their own to tie the game at one apiece.

The A's responded right back in the bottom half of the inning though as Scott Carberry reached on a two-out single and Adam Sarauer worked a walk to put two runners on. Kam Koplitz then reached on an infield single and Huffman (who had come in to run for Carberry) came all the way around to score from second on the play to give the A's a 2-1 lead. Brad Young added a RBI double in the 7th inning to push the lead to 3-1 and Mitch Huffman (CG Win, ER, 5 Hits, 8 K's) made this lead hold up the rest of the way. Brad Young 2x4 (2 2B's, RBI), Adam Sarauer 1x2 (RBI, BB) and Mitch Huffman 1x1 (Run) led the A's at the plate on the night. The win improves the A's record to 12-4 (3-2 TCNL) on the year.

## A's Hold Off Late Rally, Top Hustisford 5-4

**June 8th -** The Kewaskum A's rebounded Sunday with a 5-4 win over Hustisford to move to 6-1 in the Rock River League and keep pace with division co-leader Brownsville. The A's jumped on Hustisford for an early 2-0 lead as Kurt Zagzebski delivered with a bases loaded 2 RBI single in the 1st inning. Hustisford cut this lead to 2-1 in the 4th though as they delivered with a two-out RBI single of their own off A's pitcher Jim Ziegler.

The game remained here until the 7th inning when a Joe Stubbe walk brought in the A's third run of the day. Brad Young added to this lead in the 8th with a RBI double and Paul Kaufmann capped the scoring on the day in the 9th with a sacrifice fly pushing the A's lead to 5-1. Hustisford made things interesting in the 9th, scoring three runs and bringing the winning run to the plate, but the A's were able to hang on for the win.

Jim Ziegler (8IP, 0ER, 6 Hits, 2K's) picked up the win on the mound, while Kurt Zagzebski 2x5 (2 RBl's) and Joe Stubbe 2x4 (RBl) led the A's offensively. Austin Sarauer and Brad Young (2B) collected the only other hits on the day for Kewaskum. The A's next host Clyman on Wednesday night in West Bend for a Tri-County game (7:30pm). The A's then play two Rock River League games this weekend as they head to Rubicon on Saturday and host Ashippun on Sunday at Kiwains Park (both games are at 1:30pm).

#### Clutch Hits Missing in A's 2-1 Loss to Brownsville

**June 6th -** For the second time this year the A's dropped a one run game to rival Brownsville, this time by a score of 2-1 in a Tri-County contest Friday night. Brownsville plated single runs in the 2nd and 4th innings off A's starter Brad Boegel and made those two runs hold up for the win. The A's added a single run in the 5th, but that was all they could push across on the night as they left 10 runners on base for the game. Alex Nuelk (2B), Scott Carberry and Joe Stubbe collected the only hits on the night for Kewaskum. Brad Boegel took the tough luck loss on the mound giving up just the two early runs (9IP, 7 Hits, 7 K's).

#### A's Offense on Display in 17-5 Win

June 1st - The A's moved into a tie with Brownsville atop the Rock River North Standings after a 17-5 win in 7 innings over previously unbeaten Lebanon on Sunday afternoon. After a quick 1-2-3 1st inning by both teams, the A's exploded for seven runs in the 2nd inning sending 12 batters to the plate. Austin Sarauer provided the big blow in the inning with a towering grand slam to right. The A's sent 12 batters to the plate again in the 3rd inning putting the game out of reach with six more runs and pushing the lead to 13-0. Jason Strobel (RBI single), Alex Nuelk (RBI single), Jordan Kuczynski (RBI single), Jake Spaeth (RBI double) and Brad Young (2 RBI double) provided run scoring hits in the inning. Kurt Zagzebski connected on a two-run homer in the 4th inning, while Ty Schill and Brad Young each connected on home runs in the 5th inning to cap the scoring on the day.

Jim Ziegler (4IP, ER, 4 K's) picked up the win, while Lucas Kopeschka (IP) and Brad Young (2IP) closed things out on the mound. Brad Young 4x5 (2B, HR, 4 RBI's) led the A's at the plate while newcomer Jordan Kuczynski finshed with a 4x5 (RBI) day. Kurt Zagzebski and Jason Strobel also finished with three hits each on the day as the A's pounded out 20 hits in the contest. The A's record now stands at 10-3 (5-1 RRL) on the season. They next play Friday night in Brownsville (7:30pm) for a Tri-County contest and on Sunday head to Hustisford for a Rock River League game (1:30pm).

## Kewaskum Advances in NCS Tourney With Win

**May 30th -** The A's advanced the second round of the NCS Tournament with a 7-3 win over the West Allis Nighthawks on Friday night. The A's will take on West Bend 7up at a time and location yet to be determined. Adam Sarauer put the A's up 1-0 in the 1st inning with a RBI single and Jim Ziegler followed with a RBI fielders choice to give the A's an early 2-0 lead.

Leading just 2-1 in the 6th, the A's busted the game wide open with a five run inning. Consecutive singles to lead off the inning by Alex Nuelk, Tim Whitty and Jake Panzer loaded the bases for Paul Kaufmann who knocked in a run with a fielders choice. Another run came around to score on an error on the play to make it 4-1 Kewaskum. The A's weren't done in the inning as Ty Schill, Brad Boegel and Adam Sarauer each delivered RBI singles pushing the lead to 7-1.

Brad Boegel made this lead hold up as he picked up his second win of the week on the mound (7IP, 3 ER, 8 K's). Adam Sarauer finished the night 3x3 (2 RBl's) while Alex Nuelk, Ty Schill and Tim Whitty all had two hits.

#### Timely Hits, Pitching Propels A's Past Slinger

**May 25th -** The Kewaskum A's capped a successful week with a 5-3 win over Slinger on Sunday to move to 4-1 (8-3 overall) in the Rock River League. Austin Sarauer got the A's on the board in the 1st inning with a RBI double, while home runs from Jason Strobel (2 run homer) and Brad Boegel (solo homer) pushed the A's lead to 4-0 in the 4th.

Slinger pushed across single runs in the 5th and 6th innings to cut the A's lead to 4-2, but A's starting pitcher Brad Boegel was able to put an end to further scoring threats in both innings. Boegel picked up his first win of the season tossing six solid innings (7K's, ER), while Mitch Huffman (4K's) picked up the save tossing the final three innings. Austin Sarauer led the A's at the plate with a 3x4 (2 2B's, 2 RBl's) day. The A's head to Brownsville Friday night (8:30pm) for a first round NCS tournament game against the West Allis Nighthawks. Then on Sunday the A's head to Lebanon to take on the Rock River Northern Division leading Whitetails.

## Kewaskum Moves Past Oakfield with 7-0 Win

May 24th - The Kewaskum A's upended the Oakfield Oaks on Saturday afternoon by a score of 7-0. The A's continued to swing the bats well as a team pounding out 19 hits, while Jim Ziegler (7IP, 6 Hits, 5 K's, Win) and Lucas Kopeschka (2IP) combined for the shutout on the mound. Sam Olla got the A's on the board in the 2nd with a RBI single and was back at it again in the 4th as he again ripped another RBI single to put the A's up 3-0. Ty Schill followed with a 2 RBI single to make it 5-0 A's aftrer four innings. Brad Boegel capped the scoring on the day with his 2 RBI double in the 7th. Adam Sarauer and Boegel each chipped in with three hits on the day while Ty Schill, Austin Sarauer, Jake Panzer, Alex Nuelk and Sam Olla all had two his apiece.

#### Offense Shows Signs of Life in Win Over Pewaukee

May 21st - The Kewaskum A's bounced back from a rough weekend with a 10-4 win over Pewaukee on Wednesday night in Tri-County action. The A's got a much needed complete game effort by Brad Young on the mound (9IP, 4ER, 7 Hits, 7 K's) and the offense started to show some signs of life in pounding out 15 hits.

The A's broke through in the 4th inning putting six runs on the board. Kurt Zagzebski led off the inning with a double (the A's first hit of the game) and eventually came around to score on a RBI single by Kam Koplitz to give the A's a 1-0 lead. The A's then used four straight two-out base hits by Jim Ziegler, Paul Kauffmann (2 RBI single), Ty Schill (RBI single) and Brad Young (2 RBI single) to take

the 6-0 lead. Alex Nuelk and Paul Kauffman added RBI singles an inning later in the 5th to push the A's lead to 8-0. Brad Young made this hold up the rest of the way in picking up his second win of the season. Leading the hit parade were Jim Ziegler 3x3 (BB), Kam Koplitz 3x5 (2B, RBI), Paul Kaufmann 2x5 (4 RBI's), Alex Nuelk 2x5 (RBI) and Kurt Zagzebski 2x5 (2 2B's).

#### A's 9th Inning Rally Comes up Short Against Brownsville

May 18th - The A's dropped a close 3-2 game to Brownsville on Sunday afternoon after their furious 9th inning rally came up just short. The game was scoreless through four innings thanks in part to double plays by both teams and a great defensive play by Brownsville leftfielder JJ Raflik that took away a Kewaskum run. Brownsville finally broke through in the 5th inning scoring all three of their runs. After a leadoff single in the inning, the A's failed to record an out on a bunt back to pitcher Jim Ziegler. That extra out in the inning eventually came back to haunt the A's as a well placed two-out ground-ball single scored two runs to push the Brownsville lead to 3-0.

The A's bats remained extremely quiet until the 9th inning, when Brad Young (single) and Austin Sarauer (walk) reached base to start the inning. A groundout to first advanced the runners one base and Jason Strobel followed with a RBI single to left making it 3-1. Strobel then stole second base giving the A's runners on 2nd and 3rd with just one out. Consecutive groundouts to second base ended any chance of a comeback though. Jim Ziegler took the loss on the mound (CG, ER, 9 Hits) while Jason Strobel went 2x3 (RBI) on the day at the plate.

The A's record now stands at 5-3 (2-1 RRL) on the year. The A's take on Pewaukee (TCNL) Wednesday night in West Bend at 7:30pm and have two Rock River games this weekend. Saturday the A's host Oakfield at 2:30pm, while on Sunday the A's travel to Slinger (1:30pm).

## Mueller's Big Day Carries West Bend Past Kewaskum

May 17th - The Kewaskum A's ran into the buzz-saw that was Mike Mueller on Saturday afternoon as they lost 11-1 to West Bend 7up in a Tri-County contest. Untimely errors kept the A's from getting out of innings all afternoon and West Bend capitalized on these chances, specifically Mueller who finished the day 4x5 (2 HR's, 7 RBI's). Brad Young picked up the loss on the mound (3IP), however only one of the runs he allowed on the day ended up being earned. The A's had just four hits on the day as Jason Strobel, Ty Schill, Adam Sarauer, and Kurt Zagzebski collected those.

## A's Pick up Mother's Day Win Over Juneau

May 11th - The Kewaskum A's moved to 2-0 in the Rock River League with a 6-2 win over Juneau on Sunday afternoon. A shaky 1st inning by A's starting pitcher Jim Ziegler gave Juneau an early 2-0 lead, but the A's were able to erase the early deficit in picking up the win. Jake Panzer's grounder to short in the 2nd inning cut the lead to 2-1 and the A's took the lead for good in the 3rd after a RBI single by Alex Nuelk and a RBI walk by Panzer.

Kurt Zagzebski extended the lead to 5-2 in the 4th inning as he blasted a two-run homer to centerfield and later added a RBI single in the 6th to cap the A's scoring on the day. Ziegler settled in after the 1st inning tossing 7 solid innings (6 Hits, BB, 7 K's) to pick up the win, while Brad Young tossed a scoreless 8th and 9th innings to close out the game. Kurt Zagzebski 3x5 (HR, 3 RBI's) led the A's offensively, while Jason Strobel, Alex Nuelk and Nick Rosenthal all contributed two hits apiece on the day. A weekend of rivals awaits the A's this coming weekend. On Saturday the A's host West Bend 7up in a Tri-County game, while on Sunday the A's take on the Brownsville 49ers in a Rock River League tilt. Both games are at Kiwanis Park with 1:30pm starts.

#### Panzer, Koplitz Lead Way in A's Win Over Neosho

May 10th - Behind the right-arm of Kam Koplitz and the bat of Jake Panzer, the A's picked up their first Tri-County Night League win of the year with an 11-2 win over Neosho on Saturday. The A's jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the 2nd inning and cruised to the win from there. Panzer (RBI single) and Ty Schill (2 RBI double) provided run producing hits in the inning. Panzer drove in another run in the 4th with a RBI single to push the A's lead to 5-0 and led off the 6th with a double eventually coming around to score on a Scott Carberry RBI single to make it 6-0.

This proved to be enough run support for Kam Koplitz (9IP, ER, 7 Hits, 5 K's) who picked up the complete game win. The A's pounded out 15 hits on the day led by Panzer's 4x4 (2 2B's, 2 RBI's) day. Austin Sarauer, Ty Schill, Scott Carberry, and Kam Koplitz all collected 2 hits apiece on the day as well.

## Kewaskum Gets Win to Open Rock River League Play

**May 4th -** The Kewaskum A's picked up an 8-1 win over the Hartford Hawks on Sunday afternoon in both teams Rock River League opener. Hartford pushed across a run in the top of the 1st inning, but the pitching duo of Mitch Huffman (5IP, 3 Hits, 6 K's, Win) and Jim Ziegler (4IP, 3 Hits, Save) were able to keep Hartford scoreless the rest of the way.

The A's used a big four run 1st inning to erase the early 1-0 deficit. Austin Sarauer drove in Ty Schill on a RBI groundout to tie the score at one apiece, while two batters later Jim Ziegler ripped a RBI double to give the A's a 2-1 lead. Mitch Huffman and Lucas Kopeschka followed with well placed RBI singles to push the A's lead to 4-1. The A's added two more runs in the 2nd inning on a Jason Strobel RBI sac fly and a Ziegler RBI single. This was more than enough for Huffman who settled in after the 1st inning to pick

up his first win for the A's since 2010 (the last season he played with the A's). The A's were led at the plate by Ty Schill 2x4 (2B, RBI), Brad Young 2x5 (2B, RBI), Jim Ziegler 2x4 (2B, 2 RBI's) and Mitch Huffman 2x3 (RBI).

Next up for the A's is a Tri-County Night League game on Wednesday night in West Bend against the Oconomowoc Five-O's (7:30pm). The A's then have two games this weekend as they travel to Neosho on Saturday for a Tri-County game and then to Juneau on Sunday for a Rock River League contest, both games start at 1:30pm.

#### Kewaskum Tops Hartland, League Play Starts This Week

**April 26th -** The Kewaskum A's wrapped up their preseason schedule with a 10-4 win over Hartland on Saturday afternoon. The A's scored three in the top of the 1st inning, paced by Jason Strobel's RBI single, but a double play (the first of three by the A's on the day) ended what could have been a bigger inning. The game remained at 3-0 until the 4th inning when Hartland took a 4-3 lead on a long grand slam.

Kewaskum bounced back in the 5th though to regain the lead. Nick Rosenthal led off with a walk and eventually came around to score on a Ty Schill ground ball to second base. The A's took the lead for good in the same inning as consecutive walks to Brad Young, Austin Sarauer and Kurt Zagzebski brought in a run. Five insurance runs in the 6th put the game away for the A's giving them the 10-4 lead. Brad Young (2 RBI single), Austin Sarauer (RBI single), Jason Strobel (RBI single) and Scott Carberry (RBI walk) all knocked in runs in the inning.

Offensively the A's were led by Brad Young (3x4, 2 RBI's, BB), Austin Sarauer (2x3, RBI, BB), and Jason Strobel (2x4, 2 RBI's). A trio of pitchers again tossed for the A's led by Mitch Huffman (2IP - 0 Runs), Brad Young (2IP - Win) and Jim Ziegler (2IP - SV). League play gets started this coming week for the A's as they head to Lannon on Friday night (7:30pm) for a Tri-County game. On Sunday (1:30pm) the A's host the defending Rock River Grand Champs, Hartford, in both team's Rock River opener. Also, A special thanks for everyone who made it out the A's Brat Fry on Saturday!!

#### A's Struggle in Loss to Brookfield

**April 19th -** The Kewaskum A's suffered their first loss of the season on Saturday night as they fell to the Brookfield Bulldogs 12-1 in a laugher at the Hustisford Preseason Tourney. The A's fell behind 5-0 after the top of the 1st and were never able to recover after that. Poor defense (5 errors) and base-running miscues didn't help on this night either. The lone bright spot offensively was Austin Sarauer who finished the night 2x2 (HBP).

The A's conclude play in the Hustisford Preseason Tourney next Saturday as they will take on Hartland at 3:15pm. Earlier in the day (Saturday, April 26th), the A's will host their annual brat fry at the Piggly Wiggly in Kewaskum. The A's will have team merchandise and Dugout Club memberships available for purchase as well. Stop on by to help support the team on their upcoming season.

#### A's Victorious in Season Opener

**April 12th -** The inclement weather was able to hold off just long enough on Saturday night for the A's to pick up their first win of the season, an 8-7 victory over the Juneau County Seaters in the Hustisford Preseason Tourney. The A's wasted little time racing ahead to a 3-0 lead in the 1st inning thanks to RBI singles from Austin Sarauer, Scott Carberry and Alex Nuelk. This was a short lived lead though as a few big defensive miscues helped Juneau take a 6-3 lead after two innings. The A's were able to tie the score at 6-6 in the 3rd inning on a Jim Ziegler 2 RBI double and took the lead for good on a Scott Carberry sacrifice fly in the 4th.

On the mound, Mitch Huffman (IP), Lucas Kopeschka (IP), Jim Ziegler (3IP - Win) and Brad Young (IP - Save) held Juneau in check much of the night allowing just 2 earned runs in the win. Jason Strobel and Austin Sarauer (2 RBI's) led the A's with 2 hits apiece. The A's play again in Hustisford next Saturday night (5pm) against the Brookfield Bulldogs.

## 2014 Season Gets Underway This Weekend

**April 9th -** The Kewaskum A's 2014 season will get underway this weekend (April 12th) as they take on Juneau at 5pm in the Hustisford Preseason Tournament. This will be the start of a challenging 40+ game schedule this season for a veteran A's team looking to bring home a second Rock River Grand Championship. The group of veterans looking to lead the A's this season include player/manager Jim Ziegler (Pitcher) and Jason Strobel (Outfield), as well as Jake Panzer (Utility), Adam Sarauer (Utility), Ty Schill (Infield), Austin Sarauer (Outfield), Kurt Zagzebski (Outfield) and Brad Young (Infield).

Returning this season with increased roles will be Alex Nuelk (Catcher), Lucas Kopeschka (Pitcher/Outfield) and Tim Whitty (Infield). Brad Boegel (Infield/Pitcher) and Garrick Day (Infield/Pitcher) will also be key returnees once their respective college seasons conclude. A few other possible additions are in the works, but the A's will receive a huge boost with the return this season of Jake Spaeth (Infield/Outfield) and Mitch Huffman (Pitcher), two players who have had a tremendous amount of success with the A's in the past.

The A's will look to defend their regular season titles in the Rock River League (18 game league) and Tri-County Night League (10 game league) this season and will also play in two challenging 16 team tournaments. The first of these tournaments is the SPAMtown

Challenge in Austin, MN (June 26-29). The other tournament comes later in summer (July 16-20) in West Bend as the A's will co-host the Wisconsin Amateur Baseball Classic with West Bend 7up.

A reminder that the A's will be hosting a brat fry on Saturday (April 26th) 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 will have Dugout Club memberships, schedules, as well as an assortment of A's gear available this day as well. Lastly, the A's would like to send out a huge thank you to all area businesses who have given a donation this season. Without your support, Kewaskum A's baseball is not possible. Thank you again!!!

#### 2014 Schedule Released

April 1st - The Kewaskum A's 2014 schedule has now been released and will get under way with the A's playing in the Hustisford Preseason Tourney April 12 (vs. Juneau), 19 & 26. The A's are coming off an impressive 39-12 season, but a first round exit in both the Rock River & Tri-County Night League playoffs left a sour taste in what had been another solid season. The A's did win their third consecutive Rock River Northern Division Regular Season Title, but could not recapture the postseason magic that 2012 had brought. The A's will get a chance to avenge their first round playoff loss to the defending Rock River Grand Champion Hartford Hawks as they make their way to Kiwanis Park on Sunday, May 4th for both teams Rock River League opener. Other highlights on the schedule include a match-up in Kewaskum on Saturday, May 17th against West Bend 7up and Rock River League games against the newest Northern Division members Lebanon and Ashippun.

The end of June (26-29) will see the A's return to Austin, MN for the SPAMtown Challenge as they will look to improve on their semi-final appearance (in the 16 team field) from a year ago. The A's have also picked up a game on the front end of that tourney again in Red Wing (MN), where they will take on the hometown Aces. The WI Amateur Baseball Classic will return for a second year, from July 16-20 in West Bend, as the A's will co-host this tournament again with West Bend 7up. This 16 team tourney will feature some of the best amateur teams from around the state and is a must-see for amateur baseball purists. The A's regular season then wraps up with a trip to Ashippun on Sunday, August 10th with the Rock River playoffs kicking off the following weekend.

# Hustisford Preseason Schedule Announced February 26th -

\*\*all games played at Hustisford Village Park

#### Saturday, April 12th

Game 1 11:00 Rubicon vs Brownsville Game 2 1:00 Hartland vs Helenville Game 3 3:00 Brookfield vs Hustisford Game 4 5:00 Kewaskum vs Juneau

# Saturday, April 19th

Game 5 11:00 Loser game 1 vs Loser game 2
Game 6 1:00 Winner game 1 vs Winner game 2
Game 7 3:00 Loser game 3 vs Loser game 4
Game 8 5:00 Winner game 3 vs Winner game 4

#### Saturday, April 26th

Game 9 11:00 Loser game 5 vs Loser game 7
Game 10 1:00 Winner game 5 vs Winner game 7
Game 11 3:00 Loser game 6 vs Loser game 8
Game 12 5:00 Winner game 6 vs Winner game 8

## Second Annual Bowling Fundraiser Sets 2014 Season in Motion

January 25th - The A's wrapped up their Bowl for Baseball fundraiser this past weekend as 176 bowlers took part in the annual event at King Pin Bowl & Ale House in West Bend. The A's teamed up again with West Bend 7up to make the 9 pin (no-tap) bowling event a huge success. High Series Men went to Bill Kraemer (Morning Session) and Dan Deutschendorf (Afternoon Session). Anita Sheats (AM Session) and Lisa Mantz (PM Session) took home the Women High Series titles. Other notables included 9-pin 300's by Scott Gawlick, Brandon Miller and Dennis Koepsell. Prizes given away on the day included Brewer Tickets, a Mike Caldwell and Nori Aoki autographed baseballs and numerous rounds of golf to area courses. The A's along with West Bend 7up would like to send out another huge thank you to all the friends, family, fans and sponsors who made this event such a huge success!!