

## 2016 Season

Final Record: 24-15

Rock River: 13-7

Tri-County: 3-3

SEWBL: 4-5

\*\* Rock River Playoffs

\*\* WABC – Invitational – 5<sup>th</sup> Place



**Front Row (L to R):** Ty Kozlowski, Jim Ziegler, Jake Spaeth, Mike Aiello, Justin Reminger, Joey Bratten

**Back Row (L to R):** Austin Cairo, Jordan Dreikosen, Brad Young, Jason Strobel, Adam Bigus, Brad Boegel, Brandon Winfield, Dakota Kirchenwitz

### **A's Well Represented on Rock River All-League Team**

**November 5th** - The Kewaskum A's had three members take home All-League honors at Saturday night's Rock River League Banquet held in Hustisford. Jason Strobel (390 Avg, 30 Hits, 20 Runs, 7 2B's, 3 HR's, 17 RBI's) was named to the Rock River North All-League team as an outfielder, while Mike Aiello (.322 Avg, 19 Hits, 15 Runs, 5 2B's, 2 HR's, 20 RBI's) was selected as a Catcher. Also receiving honors was Teddy Miller who was selected as the Scorekeeper of the Year.

Strobel also took home the prestigious Player of Merit award given to one player each year who has exemplified great character on and off the field. This puts a cap on what was a nice rebound season for the A's who took some time finding their way, but eventually won 13 out of 14 games before dropping their last two games of the season. The A's finished the year 24-15 and were eliminated in the first round of the Rock River playoffs.



### **Teddy Miller Inducted into the Rock River Hall of Fame**

**October 22nd** - Teddy Miller, longtime scorekeeper for the Kewaskum A's, was recently inducted into the Rock River Hall of Fame as a member of the 2016 induction class. Miller becomes the first member from the Kewaskum franchise to receive this prestigious honor joining 234 other members in the Rock River Hall of Fame. For those who have played with and supported Kewaskum over the years, it is only fitting to see Teddy receive this honor after his 53 years with the team.



### **Season Comes to an end at Brownsville**

**August 13th** - The A's saw their 2016 season come to an abrupt end on Saturday afternoon as their long-time rival the Brownsville 49ers eliminated them from the Rock River playoffs by a 10-0 score. Brownsville raced ahead to a 4-0 lead after one inning and cruised from there. Untimely errors again haunted the A's in this one as they finished the day with four errors which led to all ten runs being unearned. Jake Spaeth and Nick Rosenthal led the A's offensively as they each collected a double, while Jason Strobel wrapped up his stellar A's career with a 1x4 day.

The A's ended their season with two disappointing games, but finished the year with an overall record of 24-15 (13-7 Rock River League) and returned to the Rock River playoffs after a one year hiatus. Injuries and player absences plagued the A's early on, but the team eventually hit their stride winning 13 of 14 games over a four week stretch starting in mid-July to early August as a core group of players began to emerge. As a result the A's head into the offseason with plenty to be excited about in 2017.

### **A's Crushed by Pewaukee**

**August 10th** - The Kewaskum A's saw their nine game winning streak come to an end on Wednesday night as they were blasted by the Pewaukee Muskies by a 14-0 score in 6 innings. Pewaukee erupted for five runs in the top of the 1<sup>st</sup> inning and never looked back from there. The A's collected just one hit on the night, an Adam Sarauer single, and were horrendous on defense committing five errors. The A's finished the SEWBL regular season with a respectable 4-5 record finishing tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the six team league.

### **Kewaskum Beats Plymouth in Regular Season Finale**

**August 7th** - The A's continued to play well as they topped the Plymouth Flames by a 5-2 score on Sunday in Fan Appreciation Day at Kiwanis Park. Adam Sarauer (RBI single) and Randy Finger (RBI double) put the A's ahead 2-1 after one complete inning. The A's extended this early lead to 5-1 in the 3rd as Randy Finger delivered a 2 RBI single and Mike Prochnow drove in another run. The trio of Jim Ziegler (5IP, 0 ER, 5 K's), Andy Neu (2IP, ER) and Brad Young (2IP, K) made this early lead hold up the rest of the way as the A's capped the Rock River regular season with a win. Mike Aiello (2 2B's), Adam Sarauer (RBI) and Randy Finger (3 RBI's) all finished with two hits on the day.

The A's will now host rival Brownsville this coming Saturday (August 13th at 1:30pm) in a wild card game for the Rock River Playoffs. A win will advance the A's into the double elimination portion of the playoffs, while a loss ends their season. Currently the A's are 24-13 (13-6 Rock River) on the year.

### **A's Top West Bend 7 Up in Benefit Game**

**August 6th** - The A's picked up a 9-4 win over West Bend 7 Up on Saturday in the annual Threshold Benefit game in West Bend. The A's jumped ahead early as Brad Young ripped a bases clearing double to put the A's up 3-0. John May followed with a RBI single to push that lead to 4-0 after two innings.

West Bend 7 Up scratched their way back into this one cutting the A's lead to 4-3 after three innings, but a RBI single by Randy Finger in the 4th and a big four run 7th inning put this game out of reach. Finger (RBI double) and Adam Sarauer (RBI single) had run scoring hits in the decisive 7th. Austin Cairo (4IP, ER, 4 K's) picked up the win in relief of Jordan Dreikosen (3IP, 3ER, 2 K's). Randy Finger, Austin Cairo and John May all finished with two hits on the day.

### **A's Rally Past Cedarburg to Secure Spot in Upcoming Rock River Playoffs**

**July 31st** - The A's clinched a spot in the upcoming Rock River playoffs Sunday with a dramatic 8-7 come from behind win over host Cedarburg on Sunday afternoon. Despite pounding out 19 hits on the day, the A's needed two runs in the 8th and three runs in the 9th to pull out the late victory. Adam Sarauer, fresh off the disabled list, singlehandedly kept the A's in this one early on as he delivered a two-out RBI single in the 3rd and a two-out 2 RBI single in the 5th to keep the A's within striking distance.

The A's still found themselves down 7-3 as the game moved into the 8th, but back to back singles by the youthful Nick Rosenthal and Andy Neu gave the A's some much needed life. Brad Young followed with a RBI groundout and Mike Aiello followed that up with a RBI single to cut the deficit to 7-5.

After a scoreless bottom of the 8th, the A's wasted little time starting their 9th inning rally. Adam Sarauer walked on four straight pitches and Randy Finger singled to put the tying run on base. After a fly out, Nick Rosenthal singled loading the bases for Andy Neu who came up with a clutch 2 RBI single the other way to tie the game at seven apiece. A strikeout followed for the 2nd out of the inning, but Mike Aiello gave the A's the lead for good with a RBI single through the right side to score Nick Rosenthal. Jim Ziegler (2.2 IP, 2 K's) shut the door on the Cedarburg 9th to cap off the comeback win. Mike Aiello, Adam Sarauer and Nick Rosenthal all finished with three hits, while Jason Strobel, Adam Bigus, Randy Finger and Andy Neu all finished with two.

### **Big Inning Propels A's Past Pewaukee**

**July 30th** - The A's stayed red-hot as they topped the Pewaukee Muskies by a 7-2 score in a SEWBL game Saturday in Pewaukee. Pewaukee broke a scoreless tie in the 5th to go ahead 2-0, but the A's came roaring back with a seven run 6th to come away with the victory.

In the big 6th inning, Mike Aiello started the scoring with a sacrifice fly to center while Adam Bigus and Adam Sarauer followed with RBI singles to put the A's ahead 3-2. With two runners still on, Randy Finger blasted a homer to left-center putting the A's up 6-2. Two batters later Connor Engel ripped his second double of the inning to drive in the seventh run of the inning. Brad Young, who was solid on the mound throughout, made this lead hold up the rest of the way to pick up the complete game win (7IP, 2ER, 5 K's). Austin Narges, Adam Sarauer, Adam Bigus and Connor Engel all finished with two hits.

### **A's Future Shines Bright in Win Over West Bend Lithia**

**July 28th** - The A's continued to play solid baseball as they downed the West Bend Lithia by a 14-4 score in 8 innings Thursday night. Bille Lehman got the A's scoring started in the 2nd inning with a two out RBI single to put the A's up 1-0. The A's tacked on 3 more runs in the 3rd led by Nick Rosenthal (RBI double) and John May (RBI single). West Bend Lithia came all the way back to tie the game at four apiece after five innings, but the A's exploded for six runs in the 6th and four runs in the 8th to put the game out of reach.

Andy Neu and Nick Rosenthal delivered RBI singles in the big 6th inning as the A's sent 12 batters to the plate. Randy Finger and Andy Neu came through with back-to-back two RBI doubles in the 8th to cap the scoring. Jordan Dreikson (5IP, 2ER,) picked up the win on the mound, while Andy Neu threw the final three innigs to pick up the save (Hit, 5 K's). Neu (2B, 3 RBI's) and Nick Rosenthal (2B, 2 RBI's) led the A's offensively with three hits apiece, while Randy Finger (2B, 2 RBI's) added a two hit game.

### **Kewaskum Caps Week With Third Win**

**July 24th** - The Kewaskum A's moved to 11-6 in the Rock River League (19-13 overall) after a 11-0 (7 innings) win over Saukville on Sunday afternoon in Kewaskum. Jason Strobel put the A's on the board in the 3rd inning with a two run homer and the A's blew the game wide open in the 4th inning as they put up six more runs. Brad Young and Nate Grzybowski had RBI walks in the inning while Jason Strobel and Adam Bigus collected RBI singles. Mike Aiello also delivered a big 2 RBI double.

The A's capped the scoring in the 6th as Adam Bigus had a RBI double and Randy Finger connected on a two run homer. Jim Ziegler (6IP, 6 Hits, 5 K's) was effective on the mound in picking up his sixth win of the year. Adam Bigus finished with three hits while Jason Strobel and Andy Neu each finished with two. The A's have a busy week ahead as they take on Johnson Creek Tuesday (7:30pm), West Bend Lithia Thursday (7:30pm) and Pewaukee Saturday (1pm). The A's cap their week with huge showdown at Cedarburg (1:30pm) where an A's win will clinch a spot in the Rock River playoffs.

### **A's Take Care of Business Against Benders**

**July 20th** - The A's rolled to a 17-3 victory over the West Bend Benders on Wednesday night to move their record to 18-13 (10-6 Rock River League) on the year. Kewaskum jumped all over West Bend pitching to race ahead to a 9-0 lead after two innings and never looked back from there. Jordan Dreikosen (5IP, 2 Hits, 4 K's) picked up the win on the mound for the A's.

Nick Rosenthal led the A's at the plate finishing 4x5 (2 2B's, 3 RBI's). Brad Young, Mike Aiello, Adam Bigus, Brad Boegel, Randy Finger and Austin Sarauer all finished with two hits as well.

### **Kewaskum Picks up Key Rock River Win**

**July 19th** - The A's picked up a HUGE 8-1 win over long-time rival Brownsville on Tuesday night firmly planting themselves in the thick of the Rock River playoff race with two weeks to go. The A's grabbed an early lead in the 3rd when two runs scored on a fielding error by Brownsville. Randy Finger followed two batters later with a two-out 2 RBI single to put the A's up 4-0. Andy Neu ripped a RBI single in the 6th and the A's added another run in the 7th and two more in the 8th to put this game out of reach.

Brad Boegel (8 hits, 4 K's), making his first start of the year on the mound, pitched a terrific game working through six scoreless innings to pick up the win. Jim Ziegler (3IP, ER, 2 K's) picked up the save in relief. Randy Finger and Jason Strobel added three hit games at the plate while Adam Bigus, Andy Neu and Jim Ziegler each finished with two hits.

### **A's Finish WABC With Win Over Kenosha**

**July 17th** - The A's capped a solid weekend of baseball with a 4-3 win over the Kenosha Kings on Sunday afternoon to claim 5<sup>th</sup> place (20 teams) in the 2016 Wisconsin Amateur Baseball Classic. Mike Aiello put the A's ahead in the 4<sup>th</sup> with a RBI double to knock in Jake Spaeth and the A's added two more runs an inning later to go up 3-0. Kenosha tallied two runs in the 5<sup>th</sup> and one in the 6<sup>th</sup> though to tie the game sending it to extra innings. With two outs in the top of the 8<sup>th</sup> Adam Bigus reached on a double to left and came around to score the go-ahead run when Nick Rosenthal followed with a double of his own. Nick Erd retired the Kings in order in the 8<sup>th</sup> as the A's capped the tournament weekend with a win. Jake Spaeth and Adam Bigus each finished with two hits, while Nick Erd (3.2 IP) picked up the win in relief of Austin Cairo (4.1 IP, 2 ER).

### **Kewaskum Ends Pool Play With Loss to Appleton**

**July 16th** - In their final pool play game of the WABC Kewaskum took on the Appleton Legends. Since both teams were 2-0 coming into the game the winner of this one would secure a spot in the championship round of the tournament played on Sunday. Appleton wasted little time taking advantage of a sloppy A's defense to go up 3-0 after two innings. The score remained here until the 5<sup>th</sup> when Appleton tacked on two more runs to go ahead 5-0.

The A's finally started to show some signs of life in the 6<sup>th</sup> as Adam Bigus delivered with a 2 RBI double off the fence in left and later came around to score on an Austin Sarauer RBI single to cut the deficit to 5-3. Appleton responded with two runs in the bottom half of the 6<sup>th</sup>, and put out an A's rally in the 7<sup>th</sup> to hold on for the win. Jason Strobel & Adam Bigus finished with two hits each. Despite coming up short in this one the A's did qualify as the wild card were slotted to play Kenosha in the 5<sup>th</sup> place game on Sunday.

### **A's Remain Unbeaten in Pool Play**

**July 16th** - The Kewaskum A's moved to 2-0 in pool play of the WABC after a 6-2 win over Two Rivers on Saturday afternoon in Kewaskum. Two Rivers capitalized on a few Kewaskum miscues in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning to grab an early 2-0 lead. The score remained here until the 4<sup>th</sup> when the A's put up five runs to take control of the game. Brad Young connected on a solo home run to start the scoring in that inning while Ty Schill followed a few batters later with a RBI single to tie the game. Mike Aiello (2 RBI) and Jason Strobel (RBI) also collected run scoring singles to put the A's ahead 5-2. Brad Young (CG, 0 ER, 2 Hits, 9 K's) made this lead hold up on the mound as he didn't allow a hit after the 1<sup>st</sup> inning. Jake Spaeth, Jason Strobel and Brad Young all had two hit games.

### **Ziegler, Boegel Lead A's Past Monches**

**July 15th** - The A's edged out the Monches Irish by a 2-0 score Friday night in each team's first game of the Wisconsin Amateur Baseball Classic. The game cruised into the 6th scoreless when a two out RBI single by Brad Boegel put the A's ahead 1-0. The A's tallied an insurance run in the 7th, but one run was all that was needed as Jim Ziegler finished off the complete game shutout (4 Hits, 6 K's). Ty Schill and Randy Finger chipped in with the only other hits for the A's.

### **A's Swing Their Way Past Juneau**

**July 13th** - The Kewaskum A's swung their way past Juneau on Wednesday night, pulling away for an 11-4 win. Adam Bigus broke a 4-4 tie in the 7th with a two RBI single and put the game out of reach in the 8th with a two run homer. Jason Strobel led the way with three hits, while Bigus (2B, HR, 4 RBI's) and Jim Ziegler (2B, RBI) also chipped in with multi-hit games. Nate Grzybowski picked up the win in relief.

### **2016 Wisconsin Amateur Baseball Classic Schedule**

**July 12th** - The pools and schedule for the upcoming 4th annual Wisconsin Amateur Baseball Classic were recently released and the A's find themselves in a pool with the Appleton Legends, Monches Irish and Two Rivers Polar Bears. Kewaskum will look to make a deep run in the 20 team field and improve on their runner-up finish from 2013. The A's first pool play game will be Friday night as they take on the Monches Irish at 7:00pm at West Bend High School. Then on Saturday the A's play the Two Rivers Polar Bears at 1:30pm in Kewaskum at Kiwanis Park. The A's conclude pool play on Saturday at 5pm as they take on the Appleton Legends at 5pm at Carl Kuss Field in West Bend. If the A's were to win their pool they advance to Sunday's championship round. This should be a great weekend of baseball so if you get a chance to come out to any game this weekend it will be well worth it!!!

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C
Brownsville 49ers	Pewaukee Muskies	Chicago (IL) Rippers
Everest Merchants	Rubicon Red Sox	Hartford Hawks
Janesville Aces	Sparta Miller	Kenosha Kings
West Bend 7 Up	West Allis Nighthawks	Whittlesey Reds
Pool D		Pool E
Clyman Cannors		Appleton Legends
Milwaukee Beavers		<b>Kewaskum A's</b>



Pool D	Pool E
Plymouth Flames	Monches Irish
Sheboygan A's	Two Rivers Polar Bears



### Strobel's Home Run Carries A's Past Hustisford

**July 10th** - The A's put Wednesday's disastrous game behind them as they got a much needed 4-3 comeback win over first place Hustisford on Sunday afternoon in Kewaskum. The win keeps the A's in the thick of the playoff race in the Rock River Northern Division with a 7-6 record (12-12 overall) with six league games remaining. Hustisford started the scoring in this one as they capitalized on a Kewaskum error in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning to take an early 1-0 lead. The A's were able to get that run back in the 2<sup>nd</sup> as Randy Finger scored all the way from first base on an Austin Sarauer single down the left field line.

The game remained tied until the 6<sup>th</sup> when Hustisford pushed across two runs to take a 3-1 lead. The A's appeared to be heading toward another tough loss until Jason Strobel came through with the biggest hit of the season in the 7<sup>th</sup>. With two outs and two runners on Strobel lifted a towering home run to left that just stayed inside the foul pole to give the A's a 4-3 lead. Jim Ziegler was able to get out of trouble in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> innings on the mound as the A's escaped with the win. Strobel (HR, 3 RBI's) and Adam Bigus (2B) led the way with two hits each, while Ziegler (8IP, 0ER, 5 K's) picked up the win in relief.

#### **Strobel Heads up Group Representing A's in All Star Game**

**July 6th** - The A's recently had four players selected to the Rock River All-Star game which is to be played this coming Saturday (July 9th) in Rubicon at 1:30pm. Veteran Jason Strobel was selected as a starter in the outfield, while Brad Young was selected as a Utility reserve. Also making their first all-star game appearances will be Mike Aiello (Catcher) and Jordan Dreikosen (Pitcher) who were each selected as reserves.

#### **Losing Streak Hits Four as A's Fall to Thiensville-Mequon**

**July 6th** - The A's headed to Mequon on Wednesday night to take on the Twins in a key Rock River Northern Division matchup and came away with a disappointing 9-0 loss. The A's squandered chances in the opening two innings to get on the board while the Twins took advantage of a disastrous 2<sup>nd</sup> inning by the A's to put up five runs. Thiensville-Mequon added four more runs in the 4<sup>th</sup> to put this game on ice. It was a rough night on the mound for A's pitching as they hit six batters as a group, and also walked seven. Defensively the A's committed four errors as well. Jason Strobel, Brad Boegel and Aaron Gaedtke each collected a hit on the night as the only bright spots.

#### **A's Fall Late to Hartford**

**July 1st** - The A's put together one of their better performances of the year on Friday night in Hartford, but it wasn't enough as the host Hawks broke a tie game late to escape with a 7-5 win. Trailing 1-0 in the 5th, the A's used two-out 2 RBI singles from both Nate Grzybowski and Mike Aiello to take a 4-1 lead. The lead was shortlived though as Hartford responded with four runs of their own to retake the lead at 5-4.

Kewaskum tied the game at five apiece on a Jason Strobel RBI single in the 7th inning, but Hartford pushed across two runs in the 8th to come away with the win. Brad Young (3IP, 0 ER) picked up the loss in relief of starting pitcher Jim Ziegler (5IP, 2 ER). Grzybowski and Austin Narges led the way with three hits apiece while Aaron Gaedtke had two hits on the night. With the loss the A's fall to 11-11 on the year (6-5 in the Rock River League).

#### **Kenosha Upends A's 12-4**

**June 29th** - The Kewaskum A's dropped a SEWBL contest against Kenosha by a 12-4 score on Thursday night. Kenosha went ahead in the 1st inning thanks to a three run homer and never looked back from there. Joey Bratten had a 2 RBI double in the 2nd to cut the Kenosha lead to 3-2, but a big five run 5th inning put this game out of reach. Brad Young and Nate Grzybowski each finished with two hits for the A's while Jordan Dreikosen (4.2 IP, 4 ER) picked up the loss on the mound.

#### **St. Paul (MN) Too Much for A's**

**June 25th** - Despite being 2-0 in pool play of the SPAMtown Challenge, the A's needed to knock off the St. Paul (MN) Capitals to advance to Sunday's championship round. The A's got off to a good start in this one as Mike Aiello blasted a solo home run to lead off the 2nd inning. Tyler Kozlowski delivered a 2 RBI double later in the same inning giving the A's an early 3-0 lead.

St. Paul (MN) eventually got things going in the 3rd inning as they put up four runs to take a 4-3 lead, the big blow of the inning being a three run homer. Kewaskum did tie the game in the top of the 4th on a Kozlowski sacrifice fly, but St. Paul exploded for 7 runs in the bottom of the inning and cruised the rest of the way. Brandon Winfield picked up the loss in this one while Dakota Kirchenwitz (3 hits) and Mike Aiello (2 hits) had multi-hit games. Despite a disappointing ending, the A's had a productive 3-1 record on the weekend trip to Minnesota. Thanks to John Frein and the rest of the Greyhounds for putting on a fabulous tournament!

#### **Kewaskum Hangs on Against Rochester (MN)**

**June 25th** - The A's moved to 2-0 in pool play of the SPAMtown Challenge with a gritty 3-2 win over the Rochester (MN) Royals Saturday morning. Brad Young gave the A's an early lead with a RBI single and Justin Reminger followed with a sacrifice fly giving the A's an early 2-0 lead after two innings. Rochester tallied a single run the 4th, but a Dakota Kirchenwitz RBI double got that run back in the 5th. The Royals made things interesting in the 7th, but Brandon Winfield (IP, SV) came on in relief of Jim Ziegler (6IP, 2ER) to close the door on any rally. Brad Young, Tyler Kozlowski and Dakota Kirchenwitz led the way with two hits apiece.

#### **A's Rally to Top Joliet (IL) in SPAMtown Challenge**

**June 24th** - On Friday the A's headed to Austin (MN) for their first game of the SPAMtown Challenge against the Joliet (IL) Dirtbags. This game ended up being a classic as the A's rallied to tie the game late and went on to win 9-6 in 8 innings. The A's scored single runs in each of the first five innings, but wasted numerous scoring opportunities that could have busted the game wide open. Joliet (IL) on the other hand took advantage of a couple errors by Kewaskum in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning to push across four runs and race ahead to a 5-2 lead.

The A's tallied single runs in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (Mike Aiello RBI single) and 5<sup>th</sup> (Brad Young RBI single) innings to tie the game at five apiece, but Joliet (IL) retook the lead with a run in the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup> inning. Down to their last three outs in the 7<sup>th</sup>, Dakota Kirchenwitz led off with a single and advanced to second on an error by the leftfielder to bring up Brad Boegel. Boegel delivered with a RBI single up the middle to tie the game and send it to extra innings. After working out of a jam in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Jake Spaeth and Mike Aiello led off the 8<sup>th</sup> with singles. Jason Strobel followed with a 2 RBI double to give the A's the lead for good. Brandon Winfield (2.1 IP) picked up the win in relief of Austin Cairo (2.2 IP) and Jordan Dreikosen (3IP). Mike Aiello led the A's with three hits, while Jason Strobel chipped in with a two hit day.

### A's Top Red Wing (MN) 9-3

**June 23rd** - The Kewaskum A's started their annual Minnesota road trip with a 9-3 win over the Red Wing (MN) Aces on Thursday night. The A's opened up the scoring with a Jason Strobel RBI single in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning, but Red Wing (MN) tacked on two runs in the bottom half of the inning to go ahead 2-1 after one complete. The score remained here until the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning when consecutive two-out singles by Mike Aiello, Jason Strobel and Brad Boegel (RBI) tied the game at two apiece. Adam Bigus followed with a three run homer that just cleared the wall in left to give the A's a 5-2 lead.

The A's busted the game open in the 7<sup>th</sup> with four runs as Tyler Kozlowski delivered a 2 RBI double. Joey Bratten (7.1 IP, 3 ER, 5 Hits, 2 K's) picked up the win on the mound while Brad Young (1.2 IP, 4 K's) closed out the game in relief. Austin Cairo, Jason Strobel, Mike Aiello and Tyler Kozlowski all finished with two hits apiece as all A's batters recorded a hit on the night.

### 2016 SPAMtown Challenge Schedule

**June 23rd** - The pools and schedule for the upcoming 12th annual SPAMtown Challenge in Austin, MN (June 23-26) were recently released and the A's find themselves in a pool with the Joliet (IL) Dirtbags, Rochester (MN) Royals, and the St. Paul (MN) Capitals. Kewaskum will look to bring home the elusive SPAMtown title as they play their first pool play game Friday afternoon as they take on the Joliet (IL) Dirtbags at 4pm at Marcusen Park. Then on Saturday morning at 11:30am the A's play the Rochester (MN) Royals. The A's conclude pool play with a game Saturday afternoon against the St. Paul (MN) Capitals (4pm) 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 they will travel to Red Wing (MN) to take on Aces on Thursday night (7:30pm).

You can follow all of the A's action this weekend on iScore [>>click here](#)

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C
Austin (MN) Greyhounds	St. Paul (MN) Capitals	Minnetonka (MN) Millers
Austin (MN) Blue Sox	Rochester (MN) Royals	Chaska (MN) Cubs
Westmont (IL) Red Sox	Joliet (IL) Dirtbags	Burnsville (MN) Bobcats
Minneapolis (MN) Cobras	<b>Kewaskum (WI) A's</b>	Tri-City (MN) Shark





#### **Kewaskum Gets Back in the Win Column With Win Over Grafton**

**June 19th** - The A's put Friday's debacle behind them as they got back in the win column Sunday with a 3-1 win over Grafton. The win moves the A's to 6-4 in the Rock River League (8-8) and keeps them in the thick of the playoff race at the season's halfway point. Kewaskum got on the board in the 3rd inning with a Mike Aiello RBI single and Aaron Gaedtke added a RBI single in the 5th to give the A's a 2-0 lead.

Jim Ziegler made this lead hold up on the mound as he went the distance picking up the win (ER, 9 Hits, 9 K's). Jason Strobel 2x4 (2 2B's), Randy Finger 2x3 and Austin Narges 1x2 (2 SB's) led the way offensively for the A's. The A's now prepare for their trip to Minnesota which begins with an exhibition game Thursday night (7:30pm) in Red Wing (MN). The A's then head to Austin (MN) for the SPAMtown Challenge taking on the Joliet (IL) Dirtbags at 4pm Friday, Rochester (MN) Royals at 11:45am Saturday and the St. Paul (MN) Capitals at 4pm Saturday.

### **A's Fall to Lebanon in Epic Collapse**

**June 17th** - The A's headed to Lebanon on Friday night looking to right the ship after two tough losses, but came away with a disappointing 16-15 loss. It was all Kewaskum early and often as they raced ahead to an 8-0 lead after two innings and 13-0 lead after the 3rd inning. Mike Aiello had a three run homer sandwiched in there, but nearly everyone contributed to the early scoring and it appeared a quick seven inning game was in order.

Lebanon had other thoughts on this night though as they plated three runs in the 4th and 7th innings to keep this game from ending early due to the 10 run rule. The A's on the other hand felt the pressure start to mount as Lebanon crept closer and closer. Four straight errors in the 8th prolonged the inning before Lebanon blasted a three run homer to cut the A's lead to two runs.

Lebanon took advantage of more A's errors in the 9th to score three runs and complete the jaw-dropping comeback. In a game that rivaled a local softball game, offense was aplenty for both teams. Lost in the madness was a 5x5 night at the plate by Aaron Gaedtker. Brad Young and Justin Reminger each pitched in with three hits on the night, while Jerod Krueger added two.

### **A's Fall to Sussex**

**June 16th** - The Kewaskum A's fell to the Sussex Cardinals by a 4-2 score on Thursday night dropping their SEWBL record to 1-3 (7-7 overall) on the year. Kewaskum jumped ahead 2-0 with a RBI double by Brad Boegel and a RBI single by Bille Lehman, but that lead did not hold up as Sussex plated a pair of runs in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> innings to come away with the win. Brad Young (2IP, 2ER, 2 K's) picked up the loss in relief of starting pitcher Jordan Dreikosen (5IP, 2ER, 4 K's).

### **Missed Chances in Loss to Cedarburg**

**June 12th** - The A's saw their season best four game winning streak snapped as they fell to the Cedarburg Mercs by a 7-3 score Sunday in Kewaskum. The A's jumped ahead 1-0 on a Cody Nuernberg RBI fielder's choice in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, but Cedarburg took the lead for good with a four run 5<sup>th</sup> inning. The A's pounded out 15 hits for the game, but could not string those hits together until the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> when a Jason Strobel single and Randy Finger double each drove in a run.

Seven Kewaskum errors didn't help matters either as all but one of the seven runs scored by Cedarburg were unearned. Jim Ziegler (7IP, ER, 8 K's) picked up the loss on the mound, while Austin Cairo (2IP, 0 ER) threw the final two innings in relief. Jason Strobel, Randy Finger and Jim Ziegler all chipped in with three hits on the day, while Mike Aiello and Austin Cairo each added a pair of hits. The loss drops the A's to 7-6 (5-4 Rock River) as the season approaches the half way point. The A's next host Sussex on Thursday night in West Bend, before traveling to Lebanon on Friday night, both games at 7:30pm. The week wraps up with the A's hosting Grafton in a Rock River contest in Kewaskum at 1:30pm.

### **A's Pick up First SEWBL Win of the Season**

**June 9th** - The Kewaskum A's grinded out a 12-6 win over the West Allis Nationals on Thursday night to pick up their first SEWBL win of the season. Kewaskum went ahead with two runs in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning and five more in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning to build an early 7-0 lead. As was to be expected though, West Allis stormed back plating six runs over the next three innings to cut the A's lead to 7-6. The A's were able to bust things open for good with a big four run 6<sup>th</sup> as Adam Bigus had a big 2 RBI triple in the inning. Nate Grzybowski added a RBI single in the inning as well.

Brad Young picked up the win on the mound tossing the final five innings. Randy Finger, Nick Erd (RBI), Mike Aiello (RBI), Nate Grzybowski (3 RBI's) and Adam Bigus (3B, 2 RBI's) all collected two hits on the night for the A's. The win moves the A's to 7-5 overall (1-2 SEWBL).

### **Spaeth Hits for Cycle as A's Top Slinger 11-1**

**June 5th** - Behind the bat of Jake Spaeth and right arm of Jim Ziegler, the A's picked up an 11-1 (7 innings) Rock River League win over Slinger on Sunday afternoon at Kiwanis Park. The win moves the A's to 6-5 on the year (5-3 Rock River). Spaeth got the scoring started in the 3rd inning as he ripped a triple to the leftcenter field gap to score Brett Boegel. Brad Young followed with a RBI single up the middle to make it 2-0 A's after three innings.

Slinger pushed across a run in the 4th, but Jim Ziegler got that back with one swing of the bat as he blasted a solo homer to left putting the A's up 3-1. [Nate Grzybowski] added a RBI double in the 5th and Ziegler followed with a RBI single as the A's started to pull away.

Spaeth meanwhile collected a single in the 5th and a double in the 6th, needing just a home run to complete his quest for the cycle. With the A's up 7-1 in the 7th, Cody Nuernberg reached with a pinch hit single and Brett Boegel followed with a double to bring up Austin Cairo. Cairo delivered with a single up the middle to make it 8-1 setting the stage for Spaeth. Spaeth didn't waste much time as he blasted a towering three-run homer to complete the cycle and also ended the game via the 10 run rule.\*\*

Spaeth finished 4x5 (4 RBI's, SB), while Jim Ziegler (HR, 2 RBI's) and Brett Boegel (2B) each finished with two hits. Ziegler (7IP, 0ER, 6 K's) picked up the complete game win on the mound. The A's return to action later this week as they head to West Allis Thursday night (7:30pm), Juneau Friday night (7:30pm) and then return home Sunday for a big match-up with Cedarburg (1:30pm).

**\*\*Last A's Cycle was by Steve Ketter on 6/6/2008 against the West Bend Benders**

#### **Aiello's Big Night Carries Kewaskum in Blowout**

**June 1st-** The Kewaskum A's cruised past the West Bend Benders on Wednesday night by a 19-5 score moving their record to 4-3 in the Rock River League (5-5 overall). The A's pounded out 24 hits for the game, but the story was Mike Aiello who had a monster night at the plate finishing 4x4 (2 HR's, 2 2B's, 10 RBI's, BB). Aiello got things going in the 1st inning with a grand slam to put the A's up early. After a walk in his second at-bat, Aiello blasted a three-run homer in the 3rd inning to make it an 11-0 game. Aiello's monster night continued in the 5th inning as he doubled in another run and in the 6th he capped his night with a two run double off the base of the wall in rightcenter.

Nate Grzybowski (HR, 3 RBI's) and Brad Young (RBI) also finished with four hits, while Alex Zommers added a three hit night. Randy Finger (2 2B's, RBI) Jason Strobel (2B, RBI) and Brett Boegel all finished with two hits as well. Sam Bernhardt (5IP, 4ER, 6K's) picked up the win on the mound, while Brad Young (2IP, 5 K's) closed out the game in relief.

#### **Sarauer's Walk-off Homer Lifts A's Past Oakfield**

**May 29th-** The Kewaskum A's picked up a gritty 9-8 walk-off win in 11 innings over Oakfield on Sunday afternoon to move their Rock River League record to an even 3-3 (4-5 overall). In what was an outstanding back and forth game, Oakfield raced ahead to an early 5-1 lead after four innings. The A's left a small village on base on Sunday, but were finally able to scratch across a single run in the 5<sup>th</sup> and three runs in the 6<sup>th</sup> to tie the game at five apiece. Austin Cairo had a huge 2 RBI single in the 6<sup>th</sup> while Mike Aiello pushed in a run on bases loaded walks in both the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> innings.

The A's grabbed their first lead of the day in the 7<sup>th</sup> on a Jim Ziegler RBI single and Austin Cairo followed with a single that led to another run to give the A's a brief 7-5 lead. This was a short-lived as Oakfield responded with three quick runs in the 8<sup>th</sup> to retake the lead at 8-7. After two quick outs by Kewaskum in the bottom of the 8<sup>th</sup>, Adam Sarauer came up huge with a game tying homer that just cleared the fence in left. Both teams went quietly until the 11<sup>th</sup>, when Sarauer led off the inning with his second home run of the day to give the A's the walk-off win.

Brad Young (3IP, 6 K's) picked up the win in relief of Jim Ziegler (6IP, 7K's, 4 ER) and Jordan Dreikosen (2IP, K, 3 ER). Adam Sarauer finished the day 3x5 (2 HR's, 2B, 2 RBI's, 4 Runs) at the plate, while Austin Cairo had his best day as a Kewaskum Athletic as he went 4x5 (2 RBI's). Jake Spaeth (HR) and Nate Grzybowski finished with two hits each on the day. The A's have a busy week ahead as they play Tuesday (vs. Pewaukee in West Bend), Wednesday (@ West Bend Benders), Saturday (@ Sussex) and Sunday (HOME against Slinger).

#### **A's Come up Short Against West Bend 7up**

**May 25th-** The A's could not overcome an early deficit on Wednesday night as they fell to West Bend 7up by a 10-6 score. West Bend tallied runs in each of the first five innings to build a 9-1 lead, but even with a four run 5th inning it was as close as the A's would get. Harry Steldt and Mike Aiello each collected RBI singles in that 5th inning. Nick Erd led the A's with two hits on the night while Sam Bernhardt picked up the loss on the mound (4IP).

#### **A's Grab Much Needed Win Over Thiensville-Mequon**

**May 22nd-** The Kewaskum A's picked up a much needed win Sunday as they topped the Thiensville-Mequon Twins by an 8-4 score at Kiwanis Park in Kewaskum. The win moves the A's to 2-3 in the Rock River League (3-4 overall). The A's used some small ball in this one jumping out to an early lead on a Brad Young sacrifice fly in the 1st inning. Jason Strobel (sacrifice fly) and Aaron Gaedtke (RBI single) added to this lead in the 5th as each drove in runs to put the A's up 4-0.

Thiensville-Mequon added a single run in the 6th, but the A's responded with a big four run bottom half of the inning to put the game out of reach. Strobel (RBI single) and Adam Sarauer (2 RBI single) came up with big two out hits in the inning.

Jordan Dreikosen threw seven solid innings (2 Hits, ER, 11 K's) to pick up his first win of the year on the mound, while Austin Cairo (2IP, 3 ER) closed out the game in relief. Jim Ziegler led the way with three hits at the plate, while Sarauer and Strobel each finished with one hit and two RBI's. The A's next play Wednesday night as they take on West Bend 7up in a SEWBL contest and then again Friday as they travel to Brownsville for a Rock River League game. The A's conclude the week on Sunday as they host Oakfield in a Rock River contest at 1:30pm.

#### **A's Let Early Lead Slip Away Against Plymouth**

**May 20th-** The A's let an early 2-0 lead slip away in the 6th and 7th innings as they fell by a 3-2 score to the Plymouth Flames in a Rock River contest Friday night. Jason Strobel provided the only offensive fireworks on the night as he blasted a two-run homer in the 1st inning to give the A's an early lead. Strobel led the way with two hits, while Brad Young and Randy Finger contributed with the only other hits on the night. Young (3IP, ER, 4 K's) picked up the loss in relief of Jim Ziegler (5IP, 0 R, 5 K's).

### **Saukville Stuns A's to Walk-off With Win**

**May 15th-** The A's lost in walk-off fashion on Sunday afternoon as the Saukville Saints rallied for two runs in the bottom of the 12th inning to grab the Rock River League win. The A's took a 3-2 lead on a Jason Strobel RBI groundout in the top of the 12th, but with two outs and nobody on (and an 0-2 count) Saukville had the next four guys reach base as the tying and winning runs eventually scored on a throwing error.

The A's took a 1-0 lead in the 4th on a Strobel RBI single and tacked on another run in the 6th to make it 2-0, but Saukville tallied single runs in the 7th and 8th innings to send the game to extra innings. Jordan Dreikosen (7IP, ER, 2 Hits, 9 K's) was outstanding on the mound, but did not factor in the decision. Jake Panzer (out of retirement for a day) and Jason Strobel (2B, 2 RBI's) led the A's offensively with three hits apiece. Harry Steldt also added a multi-hit day.

### **Kewaskum Tops Grafton 12-9**

**May 8th-** The Kewaskum A's picked up their first Rock River League win of the year with a 12-9 comeback win over the Grafton Express on Sunday afternoon. The A's wasted little time in taking an early lead on a 1<sup>st</sup> inning RBI single by Harry Steldt and added to that lead with a three run 4<sup>th</sup> inning to push their lead to 4-0. Brad Young (2 RBI double) and Nick Rosenthal (RBI single) delivered with run scoring hits in the inning. Jordan Dreikosen (5IP, 8 K's) cruised into the 5<sup>th</sup> inning without a hit and a 4-0 lead, but Grafton rallied with a six run inning to take a 6-4 lead.

Finding themselves trailing 8-4 in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning, the A's erupted for 8 runs as they sent 13 batters to the plate. Jason Strobel (RBI double), Jim Ziegler (2 RBI single) and Nick Rosenthal (RBI single) all collected run scoring hits in the inning to give the A's a 12-8 lead. Austin Cairo (2IP, Win) and Brad Young (2IP) made that lead hold up the rest of the way to secure the Mother's Day win. The A's were led offensively by Brad Young (2B, 2 RBI's), Nick Rosenthal (2 RBI's) and Adam Sarauer (RBI) as each collected three hits on the day.

Sunday's win puts the A's at 2-2 overall (1-1 Rock River) on the year. Looking ahead to this week, the A's host Pewaukee on Wednesday night in West Bend (7:30pm) in a SEWBL contest and then travel to Saukville Sunday to take on the Saints in a Rock River League tilt at 1:30pm.

### **West Allis Too Much for Kewaskum**

**May 5th-** The A's traveled to West Allis on Thursday night looking to avenge three blow-out losses last season to the host Nationals. The A's were able to avoid the big inning that doomed them in last season's games, but West Allis was eventually able to pull away for a 10-2 Southeastern Wisconsin Baseball League win. Alan Carrasquillo and Nate Farrington knocked in runs in the 3rd inning for the A's to tie the game at two apiece, but that was as close as things would get. Carrasquillo (RBI) and Jim Ziegler (2B) led the A's with two hits apiece, while Ziegler (5IP, 4ER, 5K's) also picked up the loss on the mound.

### **A's Fall in League Opener to Rubicon**

**May 1st-** The Kewaskum A's came up short in their Rock River League opener, falling to the Rubicon Red Sox by a 12-7 score on Sunday afternoon. The A's trailed 2-0 after one inning, but RBI's from Devyn Zillmer in the 2nd and Alan Carrasquillo in the 3rd tied the game at two apiece. The tie game didn't last long though as Rubicon erupted for four runs in the bottom of the 3rd inning never trailed the rest of the way. Despite being down, the A's continued to battle scoring single runs in the 5th and 7th innings on a Mike Prochnow RBI single and Adam Sarauer RBI double. The A's tallied three more runs in the 8th thanks to a 2 RBI double by Harry Steldt, but that was as close as they would get.

The group of Jordan Dreikosen, Jim Ziegler (Loss), Austin Cairo and Brad Young each tossed two innings apiece on the mound. Much like in last week's game though, each pitcher struggled in their first inning on the mound before settling in. Offensively the A's were led by Harry Steldt (2B, 2 RBI's) and Brad Young who each finished with two hits. The A's next play Thursday night as they travel to take on the West Allis Nationals (7:30pm) for a SEWBL contest and then again on Sunday as they head to Grafton (1:30pm) for a Rock River League matchup.

### **A's Battle Back in Season Opening Win**

**April 24th -** The A's came out swinging in the season opener as eight players recorded hits (12 in total) to help the A's defeat the Milwaukee Beavers 9-7 in an exhibition game Sunday afternoon in Brownsville. Each Kewaskum pitcher struggled early on, but settled in nicely only allowing 2 ER on the day. Jordan Dreikosen (2IP, 4 K's), Austin Cairo (2IP, K, Win), Jim Ziegler (IP, 2K's) and Brad Young (2IP, K, Save) all threw for the A's.

Milwaukee capitalized on an early defensive miscue to race ahead to a quick 2-0 lead in the top of the 1<sup>st</sup> inning, but the A's responded back in the bottom half of the inning with a Nick Rosenthal two-out RBI single to cut the deficit to 2-1. The A's found themselves trailing 4-1 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, but put together a huge two-out rally to plate four runs and take their first lead of the day at 5-4. Adam Sarauer (RBI double) and Devyn Zillmer (2 RBI single) came up with big hits in the inning.

Kewaskum added to their lead in the 4<sup>th</sup> plating three more runs as Adam Sarauer again delivered a big RBI single in the frame. The A's made this lead hold up the rest of the way as they hung on for a season opening 9-7 win. Brad Young 3x4, Adam Sarauer 2x4 (2B, 2 RBI's) and Nick Rosenthal 2x4 (RBI) led the A's offensively while Andy Neu, Devyn Zillmer and Mike Prochnow (2B) each chipped in

with a hit apiece. The A's next play Sunday at they travel to Rubicon for each teams Rock River League opener, first pitch is scheduled for 1:30pm.

### **2016 Schedule Released**

**March 31st** - The Kewaskum A's 2016 schedule is now set and will get underway with the A's playing the Milwaukee Beavers (now of the LOL Western Division) on April 24th in Brownsville at 2pm. The A's are coming off a disappointing 20-25 season, but will look to bounce back in the new look Rock River League (RRL) in 2016. The RRL welcomed franchises in Cedarburg, Grafton, Plymouth, Saukville, Thiensville-Mequon and West Bend in the offseason and the A's will join those teams in the Northeast Division of the Rock River League (19 games) this season. The A's will also play in the Tri-County Night League (6 games) and have also joined the competitive Southeastern Wisconsin Baseball League (SEWBL) which will feature the Kenosha Kings, Pewaukee Muskies, Sussex Cardinals, West Allis Nationals and West Bend 7up.

The A's will again head back to Austin, MN for the sixth time looking to bring home the elusive SPAMtown Challenge tournament title. The Wisconsin Amateur Baseball Classic will also return for the fourth year in West Bend as many of the top amateur teams from the state of WI come together for one great weekend of baseball.

Highlights for the upcoming season include:

- \* April 9th (Saturday) - Brat Fry at Piggly Wiggly in Kewaskum
- \* April 24th (Sunday) - Season opener vs Milwaukee Beavers at Brownsville
- \* May 1st (Sunday) - Rock River opener @ Rubicon Red Sox
- \* May 22nd (Sunday) - Home opener vs Thiensville-Mequon
- \* June 23-26th - SPAMtown Challenge - Austin, MN
- \* July 13-17th - Wisconsin Amateur Baseball Classic - West Bend
- \* August 7th (Sunday) - Fan Appreciation Day vs. Plymouth Flames