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## 2025 PLAYOFFS SET SEASON ENDS WITH TIGERS-GIANTS THRILLER

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**2025 PLAYOFFS**

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# **GIANTS SQUEEK BY TIGERS IN RUMBROOK SEASON FINALE**

**RUMBROOK PARK, GREENBURGH, NEW YORK, AUGUST 24, 2025**

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**THE WESTCHESTER GIANTS AND THE LEWISBORO TIGERS CLOSED THE SEASON WITH A THRILLING, BACK AND FORTH 10-9 GAME WHICH INCLUDED A RARELY USED MLB RULE – THE “A-ROD” RULE, VERBAL INTERFERENCE, GOOD CLUTCH HITTING, DESPITE THE SCORE, OUTSTANDING PITCHING ON BOTH SIDES, SOME DEFENSIVE GEMS- AND SOME LAPSES. BUT THE SEE-SAW BACK AND FORTH, AS THE TEAMS EXCHANGED THE LEAD SEVERAL TIMES THROUGHOUT THE GAME.**

**THE TIGERS SEEMINGLY GOT OFF TO A GOOD START OFF GIANT STARTER AND ALL STAR PITCHER AND GUY, DERRICK WILLIAMS. JOHN TURNER SINGLED FOR THE FIRST HIT OF THE GAME, STOLE SECOND. NICK SOSA HIT A SLOW LINER DOWN THE THIRD BASE LINE, WHICH APPEARED TO THE THIRD BASE COACH, TONY MESSINA, TO BE GOING FOUL. TURNER TURNED IT ON COMING AROUND THIRD AND IN AN EFFORT TO SLOW HIM WITHOUT HIM TRYING TO SUDDENLY STOP, MESSINA COMMITTED THE “VERBAL INTERFERENCE” YELLING TO TURNER, FOUL BALL, FOUL BALL, WHEN THE BALL FELL INCHES FAIR. FOR**

**A SECOND OR TWO, ALL ACTION STOPPED. MESSINA WAIVED TURNER IN, BUT A MOMENT OF CONFUSION FOLLOVED. THE GIANTS ASKING WHO CALLED “FOUL” AND THE SECOND BASE UMPIRE SAYING “NOT ME.” THE UMPIRE IMMEDIATELY HUDDLED AND GOT THE CALL WRITE. THE RUN DID NOT COUNT AND AN OUT WAS DECLARED, THE THIRD OUT OF THE INNING.**

**THE GIANTS JUMPED OUT TO A 1-0 LEAD IN THE FIRST ON HITS BY PANABIANCO AND GARCIA WITH A STOLEN BASE INBETWEEN.**

**THE TIGERS TIED IT IN THE BOTTOM OF THE THIRD ON A WALK TO LEADOFF HITTER DOMINGUEZ, AN ERROR AND A FIELDER’S CHOICE AND A SINGLE BY KEITH GUERTON.**

**IN THE THIRD, THE TIGERS SCORED ONE AFTER A LEADOFF SINGLE BY SOSA FOLLOWED BY AN RBI SINGLE OFF CATCHER KRIS MACROHON’S BAT. DEMIAN DOMINGEZ CAME THROUGH AGAIN DRIVING HOME MACROHON, GIVING THE TIGERS A 3-1 EDGE.**

**THE GIANTS SCORED ONE IN THE BOTTOM OF THE THIRD AFTER HITS BY GOODFLIESH, RIAVE AND GARCIA. IN THE BOTTOM OF THE FOURTH, THE GIANTS WERE HANDED TWO AS THE TIGERS SUFFERED THROUGH A TOTAL DEFENSIVE LAPSE FOR THE HALF INNING, ALLOWING TWO UNEARNED RUNS AND HANDING THE G-MEN A 4-3 LEAD.**

**THE TIGERS CAME BACK IN THE TOP OF THE FIFTH, SCORING ONE AFTER ONE OUT SINGLES BY TODD HAPIUK AND RITELL AND A FIELDER'S CHOICE BY GUERTON.**

**THE G-MEN CAME STORMING BACK TO A 6-4 LEAD IN THE BOTTOM HALF, AFTER A LEADOFF HIT BY PANABIANCO AND A STOLEN BASE, A SINGLE BY GROTZER AND A TIGER MISCUE, A SINGLE BY GARCIA AND WALK TO BROLIN, A FIELDER'S CHOICE AND A BASES LOADED WALK TO FRANK HAGAN.**

**IN THE TOP OF THE SIXTH, IT WAS THE TIGERS' TURN. SOSA LED OFF WITH A SINGLE, FOLLOWED BY ERIC LYNCH REACHING BASE ON AN ERROR AND MESSINA REACHING ON A FIELDER'S CHOICE. JARVIS WILSON DROVE IN THE RUN WITH HIS FIRST HIT OF THE AFTERNOON AND WILLIAMS PITCHED OUT OF THE JAM LEAVING THE BASES LOADED RETIRING FRANKIE RIVERA ON A GROUNDER TO SECOND.**

**SOSA, WITH THE SCORE 6-5 GIANTS, TOUGHENED IN THE BOTTOM OF THE SIXTH, STRIKING OUT TWO GIANTS AND AFTER A SINGLE BY RIAVE, HIS SECOND OF WHAT WOULD BE A THREE HIT DAY, AND ANOTHER ERROR BY THE TIGER DEFENSE, SOSA RETIRED GROTZER ON A SOFT LINER TO SECOND.**

**IN THE SEVENTH, THE TIGERS OFFENSE BROKE OUT. RITELL LED THE INNING WITH HIS THIRD HIT OF THE DAY FOLLOWED BY GUERTON'S SECOND HIT ON**

THE DAY. TURNER DROVE IN RITELL ON A FIELDER'S CHOICE, SOSA SINGLED IN A RUN WITH HIS THIRD OF FOUR HITS FOR THE DAY, MACROHON SINGLED AND MESSINA DROVE IN ANOTHER WITH A SINGLE. THE TIGERS SCORED FOUR ALL TOLLED, TAKING A 9-6 LEAD INTO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEVENTH.

SOSA CAME OUT FOR THE SEVENTH. BUT HE TIRED. GARCIA LED WITH A DOUBLE, BROLIN, GIUENSTRASS AND SCOVETTI EACH SINGLED, SCOVETTI DRIVING HOME 2 AND IN A FLASH, THE TIGER LEAD WAS GONE AND THE G-MEN WENT UP 10-9, WHICH WAS THE FINAL. WHILE THE CLUBS RATTLED THEIR BATS OVER THE LAST INNING AND HALF, TURNER FOR THE TIGERS AND SCOTTIE MUNZ FOR THE GIANTS ENDED ALL SCORING.

A COMPETITIVE, OVERALL WELL-PLAYED GAME.

COMMISSIONER HAGAN ADDRESSED THE TIGERS AFTER THE GAME, ENCOURAGING THEM AND EXPRESSING HIS RECOGNITION OF THEIR SEASON IMPROVEMENT AND GRIT — NOT WALKING AWAY FROM ANY CONTEST; TRYING THEIR BEST AND DOING ALL THEY COULD TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE. THE TIGERS WERE VERY GRATEFUL TO THE COMMISH FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT — BUT STILL HOPE TO SEE THE GIANTS IN THE PLAYOFFS — AND TAKE TWO OF THREE!

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## **PLAYOFF NEWS AND MATCHES**

**THERE WAS A ROBUST DISCUSSION ABOUT POSSIBLY CHANGING THE FORMAT FROM THE APPROVED TOP FOUR/BOTTOM FOUR FORMAT TO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. ULTIMATELY, THE COACHES VOTED TO RETAIN THE ORIGINALLY AGREED UPON FORMAT OF FOUR AND FOUR.**



**SEPTEMBER 7**

**PLAYOFF 2025 ACTION**

**LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION**

**PIRATES HOST ORIOLES**

**METS HOST REDS**

**COMMISSIONER'S TROPHY DIVISION**

**GIANTS V PIPELAYERS**

**TRIBE V TIGERS**



## FINAL STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Team	Record	WINNING PERCENTAGE	GB
<u>Shrub Oak Pirates</u>	11-3	.786	-
<u>Westchester Mets</u>	9-4	.692	3
<u>Sleepy Hollow Reds</u>	9-4	.692	3
<u>Somers Orioles</u>	8-6	.571	6
<u>Greenwich Tribe</u>	6-7	.462	9
<u>Pelham Pipelayers</u>	5-5	.500	8
<u>Westchester Giants</u>	4-9	.250	14
<u>Lewisboro Tigers</u>	0-14	.000	21



## NOTICES:

## A MESSAGE FROM TUNNEL TO TOWERS FOUNDATION





**GREETINGS MSBL/MABL SUPPORTERS,**

**MY NAME IS LIZ MURPHY, AND I'M THE ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT HERE AT TUNNEL TO TOWERS. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF STEVE SIGLER, YOU HAVE COLLECTIVELY MADE SUCH AN ENORMOUS IMPACT ON OUR WORK. I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION.**

**ON BEHALF OF OUR ENTIRE ORGANIZATION, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS AND FOR CHOOSING T2T AS THE RECIPIENT OF YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING. WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE MSBL/MABL.**

**OUR FOUNDATION STRIVES TO “DO GOOD” BY MAKING A POSITIVE AND LASTING IMPACT IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS. WE HAVE ESTABLISHED MANY WORTHWHILE PROGRAMS TO BENEFIT OUR NATION’S MOST DESERVING HEROES, INCLUDING CATASTROPHICALLY INJURED SERVICE MEMBERS, THE FAMILIES OF FALLEN FIRST RESPONDERS, AND GOLD STAR FAMILIES. IN ADDITION, OUR NEWEST INITIATIVE IS AIMED AT ADDRESSING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS. WE ARE COMMITTED TO EMPOWERING THESE VETERANS NOT JUST BY**

**PROVIDING HOUSING BUT ALSO HELPING THEM SUCCESSFULLY REINTEGRATE INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES WITH THE DIGNITY AND RESPECT THEY HAVE EARNED.**

**THIS PAST INDEPENDENCE DAY, WE DELIVERED 25 MORTGAGE-FREE HOMES TO OUR NATION'S HEROES AND THEIR FAMILIES. AND WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE HONORED THE MEMORY OF BATTALION CHIEF FRANK HARWOOD AND BATTALION CHIEF JOHN MORRISON WHO WERE TRAGICALLY SHOT AND KILLED ON JUNE 29, 2025. THESE HEROES WERE RESPONDING TO A BRUSH FIRE IN COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO WHEN THEY WERE AMBUSHED. TUNNEL TO TOWERS IS COMMITTED TO HELPING THEIR GRIEVING FAMILIES BY FULFILLING THE MORTGAGES ON BOTH HOMES. WITH YOUR HELP, WE WILL DO EVEN MORE GOOD TOGETHER THIS YEAR, AND IN THE ONES TO COME.**

**PLEASE EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL YOUR PLAYERS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY AND COMMITMENT TO OUR MISSION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR REQUESTS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO GIVE ME A CALL AT 347-347-1796 OR EMAIL ME AT [ELIZABETH.MURPHY@T2T.ORG](mailto:ELIZABETH.MURPHY@T2T.ORG).**

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**MANAGERS ARE REMINDED LEAGUE RULES REQUIRE**  
**USING PLAYERS' LAST NAMES AND ENTERING UNIFORM**  
**NUMBERS IN THE SCOREBOOK AND LINE-UP CARDS**  
**EXCHANGED BEFORE THE GAME BEGINS AND REPROTED**  
**TO THE COMMISSIONER AFTER EACH GAME**

**MANAGERS MUST PROVIDE SPORTS PAGE WITH WEEKLY GAME RESULTS AT A MINIMUM, PREFERABLY WITH GAME SUMMARIES BY NOON THE TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE GAMES. PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO SPORTS PAGE DIRECTLY TO:**  
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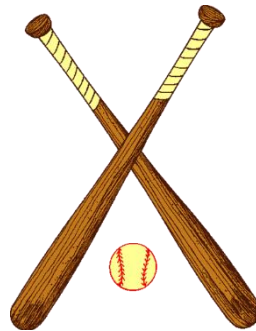


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