

# Sports

## Lady Pacers punch ticket to postseason

### Frattesi cracks 500 strikeout barrier

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CHICOPEE – The Chicopee High girls clinched their berth in the postseason last week, but still had some business to attend to. They entered the week with a chance to get a share of first place in the Suburban League.

That would mean winning out in their three remaining games. They beat Holyoke and Belchertown in this week's games and if they beat South Hadley on Friday they will finish in a tie with Belchertown. There was also the individual battle of Sarah Frattesi, who needed five strikeouts to get to 500 for her career. With one against Holyoke in relief and 11 more against Belchertown, she broke the barrier.

As for Chicopee Comp, they were still battling for a place in the postseason, a situation that seemed most improbable, when they had lost their first 10 games of the season. Then they started league play, beating Cathedral. They came into the week with Cathedral and Longmeadow on the league schedule. They beat Cathedral for the second time, but the game that really matters is Longmeadow on Wednesday. If they had beaten them by the time this issue will have been published, they will make the playoffs. If not, their season will be over.

Holyoke Catholic also put up a fight in the final weeks, hoping to claim a berth, but losses last week to Palmer and Sabis ended that. Two more losses this week to Monson and Gateway followed.

Chicopee High took on Holyoke, with Frattesi sitting on the sidelines when the game began. The Lady Pacers had lost to Holyoke in their first meeting and needed to win if they



Chicopee pitcher Sarah Frattesi gets ready to make a delivery towards home plate.

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were going have a chance at catching Belchertown for the division lead. Chicopee took a 3-0 lead in the third, but the Knights battled back to tie, before the Pacers won in the eighth. Tyler Godek started for the Lady Pacers and did the job for 6 1-3 innings. Frattesi would come and the tying run would score, but then was the recipient of three runs in the eighth that got Chicopee the win.

The Pacers loaded the bases in the first inning, but could not score. In the second they got a runner to third, but again came up empty. In the third, they struck for three runs. With one out, Jozslyn Orozco walked and scored on a Stef Kos double. Caitlyn Reed walked and Kelley Douglass' single loaded the bases. Brianna

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### Colts, Gaels playing much better

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CHICOPEE – The spring season is winding down and with that, the immediate futures of the local teams is becoming clear.

The Chicopee High baseball team clinched a spot in the playoffs last week with their 10th win. They are still in a position to win the Valley Wheel, but took a step back with a 1-1 week. The Chicopee Comp team has come alive of late winning both games this past week to make it four in a row. For them, it is a case of too little too late to qualify, but they are surely showing a lot of character. As for Holyoke Catholic, they are playing much better as well, but are not getting the wins. In a very busy week, they played four games. Though they lost three of them, all were by just a run. They did manage to pick up their third win of the season.

### CHICOPEE COMP

The Colts beat Belchertown, 6-3, and Northampton, 11-4. Some may ask where this suddenly came from. They have been hitting all year, but now the pitching is starting to round into shape and that has been the difference.

They spotted Belchertown three runs

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## Comp boys volleyball story available online

Due to the Chicopee comp boys varsity volleyball match against Putnam taking place after deadline on Tuesday night, the story can be found online at [daveforbessports.wordpress.com](http://daveforbessports.wordpress.com).

## Pioneers garner first PDL victory at Vermont

### Organization teaming up with sponsors to assist survival center

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LUDLOW – The Western Mass. Pioneers finally broke through for its first victory since joining the Premier Development League.

The Pioneers, who began the season with a 1-0 loss to Albany and a 0-0 draw at MPS Portland, found the back of the net often in a 4-0 win at the Vermont Voltage last Saturday.

“Wow four goals. It was an outburst,” said Pioneers General Manager Greg Kolodziej. “Federico got us going, we caught fire from there and the guys were sharp all night.”

Western Mass. (1-1-1, 4 points) hits the road again on Friday with a match at the Brooklyn Knights. The team then departs for a Sunday afternoon game at Ottawa before bringing the action back to Lusitano Stadium on June 5 against former rival New Hampshire.

“The road trip continues,” said Kolodziej, who noted that the team will stay in Ottawa on Saturday night, its



Pioneers goalie Paul Armstrong gets ready to clear the ball.



Ludlow native Mike Lima gets ready to clear the ball with his right foot on a free kick.

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in the top of the second, getting one back in the bottom of the inning. A three run third put them ahead to stay, with Anthony Kmeczik holding the Orioles to six hits. Zach Crowley had two hits, while Niko Soillis drove in two with his one hit.

The big win came on Friday, 11-4 over Suburban leading Northampton. It was sweet revenge for the Colts who fell 17-2 in their first encounter with the Blue Devils. The never trailed in this one, getting four runs in the second and then answering Northampton each time they scored. When the Blue Devils scored a pair in the fourth, Comp got one back in the fifth to make it 5-2.

When Northampton got two more in the fifth, Comp got one in the sixth to stay ahead at 6-4.

A five-run seventh put this one away.

Soillis went five innings for the victory and Joe St. Jean followed him to preserve the win.

Crowley had a big game with three hits and three runs batted in. Both Brendan McClelland and Roberto Carrasquillo had two hits and two knocked in. Kyle Roy also had a pair of hits.

The Colts finish off their Suburban schedule with a game against South Hadley. A win would give them a 5-5 record in the league.

#### CHICOPEE HIGH

The Pacers have some business to take care of. They split a pair of Valley Wheel games, beating Holyoke, 9-5, but dropping a 2-1 decision to Minnechaug. At 5-2 in the league, they remain a half-game ahead of East Longmeadow.

They beat the Purple Knights after falling behind 3-0 in the top of the first. With two runs in third and another in the fourth, they tied the game.

Holyoke regained the lead with a single run in the top of the fifth, but then Chicopee threw up a five spot and took control of the game. Dan Asselin and John Sypek both had two hits, with Asselin driving in three and Sypek one. Keith Hevey had two RBIs as well. Asselin settled down after his rocky first and went four innings, striking out five. Andrew Gatzounas, two innings/three strikeouts and Joe Perlak, one inning/two strikeouts finished it up.

Against Minnechaug, they just could not get their bats going, managing just 5 hits. The Falcons got one in the first and one in the third. The Pacers got their one run in the bottom of the third. Sean Bourgeois singled in that

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Lawler then singled to score Kos and Reed.

Holyoke made some noise in the bottom of the inning, but would not score until the fifth. An error with the bases loaded and two outs made it a 3-2 game. They were held scoreless through the seventh. After a one-out triple in the seventh, Frattesi came in to try to save the game. An error brought home the tying run.

But the Pacers would win it in the eighth. Mary Healy singled and stole second. Frattesi beat out a bunt and Healy scored. Orozco singled Frattesi to third and both scored on a Reed two out double. Frattesi set down the Knights in order in the eighth. She got one strikeout to move to within four for 500.

In a Tuesday game, the Pacers beat Belchertown, 2-0, as Frattesi pitched a no-hitter over the league leaders. The 11 strikeouts were more than she needed.

Comp had lost a non-league game earlier in the week to Agawam, 7-0, but that game had no bearing on the Colts playoff chances. The same could be said for the game against Cathedral. Although it was a Valley Wheel game, the game would not make or break Comp. Certainly a second win over the team that was going to end at least tied for first in the Valley Wheel would be a great confidence builder, but the key game is with Longmeadow.

The Colts scored a pair in the first when Chantal McDonald, who had doubled scored, when Allison Pelter reached on an error. Pelter scored shortly after when Sam Beaudoin reached on an error. They made it 3-0 in the second. Loryn St. Jean led off with a single, followed by one from Christiana Tadeo. After a double steal, St. Jean scored on a sacrifice fly by Kayla Philbrick.

Belchertown got on the board with a run in the bottom of the third. Comp would make it 4-1 in the sixth, as Andi Burnette was hit by a pitch and then eventually scored on an error. It was the seventh when the Orioles nearly pulled it out. The scored twice and had the bases loaded with one out. Deanna Rousseau came up big with her only two strikeouts of the game to finish it off.

Holyoke Catholic lost a tough one to Gateway, 6-5, with Bobbi Morey holding the Rams to just four hits. Down 1-0 after one, they scored three times in the third to take a 3-1 lead. Gateway got one back in the third and then scored four in the sixth to go back in front at 6-3. The Gaels scored two in the seventh, but would come up a run short.

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one run. Gatzounas pitched well himself, going 6 1-3 and allowing just four hits. The Pacers have one more league game remaining with West Springfield. If they win that, they will clinch at least a tie.

Chicopee High and Chicopee Comp meet at Szot on Thursday in what should be a very competitive game.

#### HOLYOKE CATHOLIC

The losses have been discouraging for this young team, but the quality of play have improved substantially. There was a 2-1 loss to Palmer, then 3-2 to Monson. Both teams are ahead of them in the Bi County league and will be going to the tournament. The Gaels came off those heartbreakers with a 9-2 win over Pioneer Valley, which also will be qualifying.

Palmer had single runs in the third and fourth, while the Gaels got their only score in the fifth, as Mike Hagelstein drove in the run. Ryan Ferriter allowed just five hits in his seven innings, striking out nine.

Against Monson, it was scoreless through five, with Hagelstein on the mound. The Gaels scored twice in the sixth as Hagelstein drove in both of them, but the Mustangs answered with three and then held off the Gaels in the seventh.

Pioneer Valley came into the game, needing just one more win to make the postseason. They left, still one win short. This one was all Holyoke Catholic. They scored one in the first, two in the second and one in the third to give John Greaney a 4-0 lead. A single run in the fifth and four in the seventh made it 9-0, before Pioneer was able get two on the board in their final at bat. Tyler Limoges and Nate Thompson had two RBIs apiece. Hagelstein and Preston Wolfe both had two hits.

They got beat by Sci-Tech, but again by just a run, 8-7.

In this one they jumped to a 3-0 lead with Thompson doubling home one and Wolfe singling in two more.

The Cybercats got two back in the bottom of the first to make it 3-2.

Single runs in the third and fourth were answered by three from Sci-Tech in the fifth to tie the game and another in the sixth that put the Gaels behind. With one last chance, Catholic took back the lead with two runs. Brian Malave and Wolfe singled and were at the corners. A double steal scored Malave and a sacrifice fly by John Brown made it 7-6. But the Gaels could not hold the lead and Sci-Tech got the walkoff win with two in the bottom of the seventh. Brown and Thompson each knocked in two.

## High school baseball, softball standings online

Every Thursday afternoon, the Turley Publications Sports Department will post the high school baseball and softball standings throughout the regular season.

Go to [daveforbessports.wordpress.com/2010/04/15/high-school-baseball-softball-standings/](http://daveforbessports.wordpress.com/2010/04/15/high-school-baseball-softball-standings/).

only overnight trip of the season.

Molinari scored two minutes into the match. It marked the first goal in 182 minutes of play for the Pioneers. Chris Stoker assisted on a Justin Brewer goal in the 16th minute to give the Pioneers a 2-0 lead at the half.

The offense continued to produce in the second stanza as Rob Cavener scored in the 74th minute and Yuri Moreira struck an accurate penalty kick in the 90th minute.

Shane Curran-Hays played well in net for the Pioneers, who have not allowed a goal since the 11th minute of its PDL opener versus Albany. That streak has reached 259 minutes. "The defense was strong," said Kolodziej.

Ludlow native and Pioneers veteran central defender Jay Willis did not play due to a groin injury suffered at Portland. Kolodziej said Willis may not be available this weekend.

Evan Coleman of Amherst and Brown University played central defense with Andrew Henshaw while Michael Adam of Ludlow and Eddie Floyd from Central Connecticut State University stopped the Voltage from penetrating the back.

#### Pioneers taking part in charitable food and clothing drive

The Western Mass Pioneers have joined forces with sponsors Main Street Laundromat of Indian Orchard and Capital Plus Fundraising to conduct a food and clothing drive to support the Indian Orchard Survival Center. The event will be held on June 4-5. Any donation of five items or more will get an individual a discount on a Western Mass Pioneers regular season home game flex ticket.

"We tossed some ideas back and forth and we came up with," Kolodziej said. "We figured we could tie it into the game and drum up some support for the right cause."

Kolodziej also said in these economic times the Indian Orchard Survival Center relies on the community to help support its efforts to help people in need.

Owners Amy Mathison of Capital Plus Fundraising and Tom Halgas of Main Street Laundromat have lent their resources to making the two day event for a good cause a huge success. Donations will be taken at Main Street Laundromat on Friday, June 4 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 5, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The drive will then move on Saturday to Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow from 5 to 8 p.m., coinciding with the Pioneers taking on rival New Hampshire Phantoms at 7 p.m.

"Tom will move the big truck up to the stadium and fans can bring a donation to the game," Kolodziej said.

The Indian Orchard Survival Center is a provider of the needy for surrounding communities. All clothing still wearable and usable for children and adults, any non-perishable food item, and household items in good condition will gladly be accepted by the Survival Center, in turn making a difference in someone's life. Toys are no longer accepted. All donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

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