

Here is the recap of the American Legion New Hampshire State Tournament:

Game 1 versus Sweeney Post 2 (Loss 9-8)

Sweeney Post jumps out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning on the strength of 4 hits (one of them a home run) and two walks in the inning. Further damage is avoided thanks to a 4-6-3 inning ending double play. Londonderry puts up 4 runs to take the lead in the top of the third, but the Sweeney Post gang answers with 4 more runs in the home half of the fourth. Each team scores single runs in the fifth and the seventh innings to make the game score 9-6 in favor of Sweeney going into the ninth inning. The Londonderry nine can only push across 2 runs in the top of the ninth to come up short and lose the game by a score of 9-8. Brian Finnegan leads the Londonderry team with three hits in the game with Sean Caron and Kyle Neverman adding two hits apiece.

Game 2 versus Portsmouth (Win 15-4)

Adam Veino goes the distance on the mound for Londonderry, throwing an economical 97 pitches in a 7 inning "mercy rule" victory over Portsmouth by a score of 15-4. Londonderry bats around in the fourth inning, scoring 8 runs before an out is recorded and again in the seventh, posting a four run inning to put the game out of reach. Londonderry was led offensively by Kyle Neverman who went 4-5, Brian Finnegan (3-5), Sean Caron (3-5 with an HR), and Geoff Fisher (3-5) and CJ Flanders (2-5). The Londonderry offense featured 19 hits on the day.

Game 3 versus Laconia Post 1 (Win 12-2)

After a quiet and scoreless three innings, Laconia breaks through with a run in the top of the fourth inning. Londonderry answers in the home half of the fourth with 5 runs to take the lead. Adam Veino led off the inning taking a hit by the pitch and promptly stealing second base. After a ground out to advance him to third, Londonderry strings together 7 hits in a row including 2 run home runs by Zach Lacer and Kyle Neverman. After holding Laconia scoreless in the top of the fifth, Londonderry bats around again in the bottom half of the frame putting up 4 runs on 4 hits to take a 9-1 lead going into the seventh. After Laconia scores a run in the top of the seventh to make the score 9-2, Londonderry needed 3 runs to win another game by the "mercy rule". Kyle Neverman led off the top of the seventh with a home run. On the very next pitch, Brian Finnegan also homered and two pitches later Sean Caron also went "yard" with the walk off home run. The offense featured Kyle Neverman going 4-5 which included 2 HR's and a double, Brian Finnegan going 3-5 including his home run as well as multi-hit performances from Sean Caron, Danny Lagasse, Jeff Dalzell, and CJ Flanders. Zach Lacer (HR) and Steve Dvorak (single) also added a hit apiece. Geoffrey Fisher was the winning pitcher allowing 2 runs on 7 hits, striking out 3 in a 110 pitch performance.

Game 4 versus Sweeney Post 2 (Win 19-18)

After a delayed start due to several rain delays in the preceding games, Londonderry Post 27 and Sweeney Post 2 finally started their rematch late in the evening. Sweeney drew first blood with two runs in the top of the first, but Londonderry answered with 5 runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning. Sweeney put up a single run in the top of the second and Londonderry was set to respond. Post 27 put the first two runners on base to start the inning but the fog rolled in and the umpires were compelled to stop the game for the night. The game was resumed the next afternoon at 1:00PM. Londonderry didn't waste any time picking up where they left off and scored 6 runs in the inning for an 11-1 lead. To their credit, Sweeney did not fold. They came back with 4 runs in the fifth, 1 in the sixth and 2 in the seventh before batting around in the eighth and scoring 8 runs. At the end of 8 innings of play, the score was tied 18-18 (pitcher's duel). The score remained tied entering the 11th inning. Kyle Neverman, pitching for Londonderry since the 8th inning, gives up a lead-off single to the Sweeney batter. The next batter grounded into a fielder's choice. The next Sweeney batter then hit a sharp two hopper to shortstop Danny Lagasse who stepped on second and fired to first of the inning ending double play. CJ Flanders started off the bottom of the 11th for Londonderry by working the pitcher for a base on balls. After the next batter popped up a sacrifice bunt attempt for an out, Kyle Neverman doubled leaving runners on second and third with one out. Sweeney intentionally walked Brian Finnegan to load the bases. With Sean Caron at the plate, the Sweeney pitcher threw a wild pitch that eluded the catcher and went to the backstop allowing CJ Flanders to sprint home with the winning run. Kyle Neverman worked the last 3 1/3 innings to pick up the victory. Kyle also led the Londonderry offense by reaching base on all eight at bats. Kyle had four hits (including a home run) and four walks. Danny Lagasse also had a monster game with three hits (including a home run) and 6 RBI's on the day. Sean Caron added a four hit performance and Jeff Dalzell also had a three hit day. Chris Verryt added two hits to go with hits by CJ Flanders and Steve Dvorak.

Game 5 versus Exeter Post 32 (Win 10-7)

After the 11 inning slugfest in the first game of the day, things returned to "normal" with a 10-7 game. Londonderry scored a single run in the first and two in the third to take a 3-0 lead. Exeter responded with 3 in the top of the fourth to tie the score. But Londonderry scored 2 more in the bottom half and then batted around in the fifth to add 4 more. When they added another run in the sixth, they were staked to a 10-3 lead. Exeter was not prepared to roll over and continued to wait out Jake Finnegan who did not have his best stuff on the day. When Exeter put up 2 runs in the seventh and two more in the eighth, Adam Veino came in to shut down Exeter for the final 1 2/3 innings. Jake Finnegan gutted out a day featuring 5 hits and 9 BB's allowed, but he hung in for the victory. Jake was helped by the balanced Londonderry offense led by Steve Dvorak with 3 hits and 2 RBI's and Brian Finnegan who was 5-5 for the game. Multi-hit performances were contributed by Kyle Neverman (2-5), Danny Lagasse (2-4), Jeff Dalzell (2-4) and Geoff Fisher (2-4). The victory guaranteed Londonderry a berth in the Regional Tournament starting August 6th at Gill Stadium in Manchester.

Game 6 versus Sweeney Post 2

The third match up of the tournament for these two teams was being played with the State Championship at stake. It was also the third game of the day for the Londonderry nine. Sweeney

started Shane Beauchemin, the winning pitcher in the first Sweeney-Londonderry matchup, in hopes of repeating the magic. However the Londonderry boys were having none of it. After exchanging runs in the first inning, Londonderry put up 4 runs on a grand slam home run by Kyle Neverman in the bottom of the second. Sweeney scored 3 runs in their half of the 4th inning, but in the bottom half of the 5th inning Londonderry put up 5 runs featuring a 3 run home run by Kyle Neverman to stake the Londonderry team to an 11-4 lead. Adam Veino started the game, continuing from closing out the game just finished versus Exeter. Adam pitched into the 4th inning before running out of gas. Brian Finnegan came in to slam the door on Exeter allowing only 2 runs on 5 hits the rest of the way. Brian struck out 4 as he picked up the victory. The offensive output was sparked by Kyle Neverman who had two home runs and seven RBI's for the game. Other significant offensive contributions were added by Danny Lagasse (3 hits and an RBI) and two hits apiece from Brian Finnegan, Sean Caron, and Chris Verryt. Londonderry completed their incredible run to the championship by playing 27 ½ innings in one day. Kyle Neverman was named the tournament MVP. Sweeney Post advances to the State Championship as the host team to be joined by Londonderry as the NH State Champs. Regional Tournament play commences on Thursday August 6 featuring state champs from Connecticut, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Jersey in addition to the two teams from New Hampshire.

I have attached several newspaper clippings which I scanned into a pdf, as well as the hitting and pitching statistics for Londonderry for both the state tournament as well as the entire season (including the tournament) to date.