

Coleman Memorial Park 29th Annual Hitting Contest

Saturday, August 22, 2015

The 29th Annual Baseball Hitting contest was held Saturday at Coleman Park with 67 participants and 117 total entries. Alex Lingle of Cleona successfully defended his Youth Championship with a final score of 26 points, Corey Swingholm Jr. of Annville finished second with a score of 24. Mitchell Hetrick of Palmyra and James Norris of Lebanon were close behind in 3rd place with 23 points.

Jonathan LaBarbera of the Cleona VFW Teener team took the Teener Championship with an impressive display of a fair hit on all 25 pitches served up, finishing with 54 points. Trevor Binner of Palmyra finished second with a score of 33 points.

The Legion Division was won by perennial champion, Camryn Shaak, Lebanon with 64 points. Including previous Youth and Teener titles this was his 6th championship. Second place went to Cody Kissinger, Lebanon, with 59 points.

Jamye Mease Bonanno, from Lewisberry continued her dominance in the Women's Division with her 9th title, achieving a score of 55 points. Three time champion, Sue Herb of Lebanon finished second with a score of 45 points. Brittani Potts of Lebanon, a champion in 2005, finished third with 43 points.

Justin Mease of Elizabethtown, regained his Adult crown over Travis Hoffman of Lebanon, two time defending champion, with a score of 10 home runs, 103 points. Hoffman had a score of 8 home runs, 88 points. Jesse Brown of Lebanon was third with 7 home runs, 84 points. Steve Anspach of Jonestown finished fourth and Will Lane of Harrisburg finished fifth. Including all previous age group titles Mease pulled even with Hoffman with 8 overall championships over the history of the event.

Mike Miller of Annville won his 13th Senior title by combining his age and points to finish with a score of 113. Of special note, a truly remarkable accomplishment was achieved by Tom Morgan Sr. of Myerstown. He became the oldest contestant in 29 years to hit a home run. At the age of 60 it was a remarkable sight to see.