

# MLB Notebook: All-Star Tickets Available; Boras Responds To Jay-Z

NEW YORK (AP) — Tickets for Monday night's Home Run Derby were available Sunday evening on Major League Baseball's website, priced at \$205, \$263, \$267, \$300 and \$310. Nearly 2,700 resale tickets were listed on StubHub for \$112-\$2,327.

Tickets for Tuesday night's All-Star game were still tied to Mets season-ticket, partial season-ticket and premium-ticket packages on MLB.com, and StubHub had just over 2,300 All-Star tickets from \$288-\$9,172.

MLB boosts the price of

All-Star tickets when the game is in New York. The range was \$150-\$725 for 2008 at old Yankee Stadium, \$100-\$360 the following year in St. Louis, \$190-\$350 in 2010 at Anaheim and \$90-\$425 in 2011 at Phoenix.

Last year's game in Kansas City was priced at \$125-\$450 and this year's at \$195-\$715, with an additional 54 seats at \$968.

Next year's game is at Minnesota and the 2015 showcase is in Cincinnati.

**DIFFERENT TYPE OF RECORD:** Agent Scott Boras responded to Jay-Z's

shot at him on the rapper's newest recording, "Magna Carta... Holy Grail," which was released July 4.

Jay-Z rapped: "Scott Boras, you over baby/Robinson Cano, you coming with me" on the song "Crown."

"I listen to jazz. Bernie Williams is my favorite musician," Boras said, referring to the retired New York Yankees outfielder, a longtime client. "In the owners' game of player contracts, it's about what you know, not who knows you. And behind the owners' door, the game takes care of itself, and the only records that I'm familiar with are the ones that are related to player contracts. And until you have those, I don't think any owner is going to find you credible."

Jay Z's Roc Nation Sports partnered with the Creative Artists Agency's CAA

Sports in April to represent athletes, and Jay-Z became a certified baseball agent who will represent Cano along with CAA Sports' Brodie Van Wagenen.

**NOT INTERESTED:** Gene Orza, the former chief operating officer of the Major League Baseball Players Association, said he will not return to the union.

Orza joined the union as associate general counsel in 1984 and retired in March 2011, 15 months after Michael Weiner replaced Donald Fehr as executive director. Weiner said last August that he has a brain tumor and has remained on the job, and there has been speculation about succession plans.

Yahoo Sports reported Friday that MLBPA officials have talked about the possibility of Fehr returning; Fehr has said he has had no such discussions.

"This talk about succession at the players' association would be unseemly even if it were informed, but, having taken place, let me curtail some of it," Orza said in a statement Sunday to The Associated Press. "I am not returning to the players' association, still loved though it is. I am happily retired."

**CELEBRITY MVPs:** John Wege of the Wounded Warrior softball team and actor and comedian Kevin James were voted MVPs of Sunday's celebrity softball game, which followed the All-Star Futures Game.

Wege, who has two prosthetic limbs that replace legs blown off in Afghanistan, homered during the six-inning game, which also included retired major leaguers Mike Piazza, Frank Thomas, Rickey Henderson and Bernie Williams.

## Lincecum Still The Freak After 148-Pitch No-Hitter

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tim Lincecum walked into the San Francisco Giants' clubhouse late Sunday morning and, yes, his right arm was still attached to his body.

That was no small matter, considering that Lincecum threw 148 pitches in his first career no-hitter Saturday night.

The Freak, indeed.

While he was still trying to put his no-hitter into perspective, Lincecum said his arm was OK after his incredible effort in the San Francisco Giants' 9-0 victory against the last-place San Diego Padres.

"I haven't played catch yet but right now I feel good," he said, sitting in the dugout an hour before the defending World Series champion Giants tried for a four-game sweep.

Lincecum looks different now that he's cut his long hair, and he doesn't throw quite as hard as he used to. One thing hasn't changed, though. Lincecum has never iced his arm after starts, including his 148-pitch performance.

It turns out there was no ice of any kind Saturday night.

"Not even in the drinks that I didn't have last night," he said with a laugh.

"I said to him, 'One time, can you ice it?'" manager Bruce Bochy recalled.

Lincecum, a two-time NL Cy Young Award winner, said he had a low-key celebration. He spoke by phone with his father and spent time with his girlfriend and his two dogs. He said he didn't get to sleep until around 3:30 a.m.

"I woke up today, so I'm good," he said.

Lincecum said his family and friends "get more excited than I do just because it's hard for me to kind of realize and take in what's going on."

"It kind of goes back to what my dad tells me: 'Don't get too excited about the good stuff and don't get too down about the bad stuff,'" he added. "I'm trying to hover in the middle, and it could be the plague of me right now. I'm not really finding a way to enjoy this, I guess. But being able to share it with my family and friends was the best part."

There was still a buzz in the Giants' clubhouse, where 12 hours earlier Lincecum was doused with champagne.

"Timmy!" one teammate hollered when Lincecum walked in, wearing a beanie and glasses. Another Giants player gave the slightly built pitcher grief about the fanny pack he was wearing.

"It's momentum. It's exciting," said right fielder Hunter Pence, whose sensational diving catch of Alexi Amarista's sinking liner in the eighth inning preserved the no-no.

Pitching coach Dave Righetti — who threw a no-hitter for the New York Yankees on July 4, 1983, a year before Lincecum was born — said the Freak's pitch count became an issue in the sixth inning.

"The only way he was staying in was if he didn't give up a hit," Righetti said.

"He wanted it. You could tell. He was definitely in his zone, so to speak," Righetti said.

"It goes without saying how badly a guy wants it when it's going like that," Lincecum said. "You just hope they give you a leash to do so and you do so with the slack that you're given. I think it just turns into an internal focus and you try to take advantage of the pitches you have left and you know that every pitch that you throw is that much more worrisome, I'm pretty sure."

Bochy said he was impressed with how Lincecum got locked in when he had thrown about 100 pitches.

"Sure, that's a lot of pitches, but there's days when a guy gets in a groove, he's not putting a lot of effort in it and you let the dog run. ... There's no way I could have taken that kid out," Bochy said. "First of all, he probably wouldn't have talked to me the rest of the season. But he was still going strong."

Lincecum struck out 13, walked four and hit a batter.

He struggled this year and last, although he's also been plagued this season by poor run support.

Lincecum's no-hitter for the Giants follows Jonathan Sanchez's no-no in 2009 — also against the Padres — and Matt Cain's perfect game last year.

Righetti recalled that early in Lincecum's career, his stuff was so good that it wasn't uncommon to think, "Uh oh, this is the day."

"I don't know that he'd say this publicly, I think he maybe

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## Spitfire Survive To Final Day

### Teams From Tripp, DV Earn 'C' Titles

SIoux FALLS — The Yankton Spitfire survived one day through the loser's bracket, but could not survive two, dropping a 13-3 decision to the Rapid City Flames on Sunday morning in the 18-under 'A' division of the South Dakota Amateur Softball Association's state girls' fast-pitch tournament in Sioux Falls.

The Spitfire won four straight games on Saturday to stay alive after an opening round loss to the Brandon Crush. Yankton eliminated the Crush in the fourth game for the Spitfire on Saturday.

The Flames went on to win the division.

Among area teams, the Hale's Angels squad from Tripp survived a gauntlet of its league teams to win the 18-under 'C' division. The Angels beat Wagner 10-9 after Wagner had forced an "if necessary" game in the bracket. Tabor and Scotland also made it to the final day in that division, and Wagner eliminated both Springfield and Tyndall late Saturday.

The Dakota Valley Panthers won the 16-under 'C' division with a 12-8 victory over Hurricanes N&I. Another Dakota Valley squad earned the 12-under 'C' title, beating Chester 9-8.

### 18-Under

**R.C. FLAMES 13, SPITFIRE 3:** Eventual champion Rapid City Flames ended Yankton's state tournament run with a 13-3 decision on Sunday morning.

Karlee Kozak went 3-4 and Brooke Loecker doubled and singled to lead Yankton. Jess Wirth doubled. Abby Schulte had a run-scoring single, Paige Thieman and Taylor Ruby had hits, and Andi Sprakel drove in a run for the Spitfire.

Katie Koletzky took the loss, striking out three.

**SPITFIRE 6, BRANDON CRUSH 2:** Jess Wirth doubled and singled, driving in two,

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**ABOVE:** Yankton Lightning shortstop Bailey Kortan, center, flips to teammate Brynn Albers to try to force out a South Dakota Flash baserunner during their elimination game in the 16-under 'A' division of the South Dakota ASA Girls' Fastpitch Tournament on Saturday in Sioux Falls.

**BELOW:** Yankton Fury infielder Elle Karolevitz camps in front of a ground ball during her team's 10-under 'B' division game.

**LEFT:** Yankton Spitfire pitcher Katie Koletzky sends the ball home during an elimination game on Saturday. Koletzky pitched four games on Saturday — all victories — to keep the team alive in the loser's bracket. Koletzky was forced into double-duty due to an injury to teammate Elizabeth Bye.

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## Post 12 Advances At Gopher Classic

APPLE VALLEY, Minn. — The Yankton First Dakota Post 12 American Legion baseball team earned a berth in the round of 16 in the 2013 Jim Hanus Gopher Classic, going 3-1 in pool play.

Yankton last advanced to bracket play in the Gopher Classic in 2008.

Yankton will play in the Bloomington bracket, facing the Hopkins pool champion at 9 a.m. The New Ulm (Minn.) Gold, winners of the Bloomington pool, and the Chanhassen pool champion make up the other teams in that bracket.

The semifinals and final will be on Tuesday in Minnetonka, Minn.

**APPLE VALLEY 2, YANKTON 1:** Reid Sawatzke shined in his Post 12 pitching debut, holding host Apple Valley to two runs in a 2-1 loss on Sunday afternoon.

Zach Benjamin, Mitch Gullikson, Lane Sawatzke, Brad Ulmer and Tanner Termansen had hits for Yankton.

**YANKTON 5, MANKATO NATIONALS 1:** Zach Benjamin went 3-4, scored three runs and held Mankato to three hits as Yankton beat the Mankato, Minn., Nationals 5-1 on Sunday morning.

Mitch Gullikson added two hits and a RBI in the win.

**YANKTON 6, ROSETOWN 5:** Three different players had

two hits as Yankton edged Rosetown (Roseville, Minn.) on Saturday.

Lane Sawatzke had two hits and three RBI, and Tanner Termansen had two hits and two runs scored for Yankton. Mitch Gullikson also had two hits.

Gullikson picked up the win.

### VFW Teener

#### Sioux Falls Classic

SIoux FALLS — The Yankton Reds finished the tournament 3-0 and were declared the winners in their division of the Sioux Falls Classic on Sunday.

They are off until a home matchup with Renner on Sunday, July 21.

**REDS 12, DELL RAPIDS 9:** Caid Koletzky and Garrett Tennant each had three hits to lead Yankton.

Miles Carda, Carter Peterson and Jackson Somsen had two hits each for Yankton. Trey Bakke, Jack Schoenfelder and Kellen Franzen added hits.

Peterson struck out five and four innings of work. Jack Schoenfelder pitched the final three innings, striking out one.

**REDS 7, WATERTOWN 3:** Miles Carda, Trey Bakke and Jack Schoenfelder had two

hits each to lead Yankton. Carter Peterson, Nate Eichacker and Wyatt Duncan added hits.

Jackson Somsen went the distance for the win, striking out four.

### Amateur

#### Freeman 18, Scotland 2

SCOTLAND — The Freeman Black Sox pounded out 15 hits in an 18-2 rout of Scotland in South Central League amateur action from Friday night in Scotland.

Jake Weier and Geoffrey Pfeiffer each had three hits in the win for the Black Sox (2-11). Allan Scherschligt pitched all eight innings, allowing eight hits.

Paul Plante and Mike Peitz had two hits apiece for the Highlanders (1-12), while Peitz took the loss.

Both teams are off until Friday, when Freeman hosts Menno and Scotland travels to Lesterville.

### Postponements

Two of Sunday's South Central League amateur baseball games were rained out on Sunday.

Yankton will travel to Avon on Tuesday. Crofton will travel to Menno on Wednesday. Both games will be 7:30 p.m. starts.

## Brian Vickers A Surprise Winner At New Hampshire

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — Brian Vickers pulled into the lead late and took off on the green-white-checked finish to win Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

The surprise winner snapped a 75-race losing streak in the series with his third career Sprint Cup victory. Vickers drives a part-time schedule for Michael Waltrip Racing and competed in just his eighth race of the season.

Vickers made the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship in 2009, only to be sidelined most of the next season with blood clots. He returned to drive a full schedule in 2011 but made only eight Cup starts last season.

Kyle Busch was second and Jeff Burton third. Pole winner Brad Keselowski was fourth and Aric Almirola fifth.

Jimmie Johnson brushed off his 43rd-place start to finish sixth. Tony Stewart was running inside the top 10 at the final caution until he ran out of fuel and plummeted to 26th.

"It wasn't until the end when we started running down the 18 (Busch) and the 14 (Stewart) that I felt we had a car capable of winning," Vickers said. "Then I was hungry."

Vickers hadn't won since the August 2009 race at Michigan. He won his first career Cup race in August 2006 at Tal-

ladega Superspeedway.

MWR fields cars for Martin Truex Jr. and Clint Bowyer. But the No. 55 has been shared this season among Vickers, Mark Martin and Michael Waltrip.

Vickers' win may have put him in position for a full-time ride at MWR in 2014.

"Nothing is a guarantee in life. I learned the hard way," he said. "Even when you think it's done, it's not done. But it definitely goes a long way."

Busch and Vickers finished 1-2 in Saturday's Nationwide Series race. Both drivers had to stretch their fuel and Vickers ran out just as he crossed the finish line.

He was in a similar spot again down the stretch a race later. He had just enough to zip past Stewart with 13 laps left and didn't run out until it was time for the celebratory burnout.

Stewart wasn't so lucky a week after he finished second at Daytona.

Johnson, who won at Daytona, was mired in last place for the first time in his career after his car flunked post-qualifying inspection. For the five-time Cup champ, that was no big deal. The points leader made quick work through the back of the field and worked his way up to the front for most of the race.