

**HIGHLAND PARK WINS 2010 TITLE!**

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Highland Park	2	1	0	5	0	1	1	10	7	3
Niles Braves Red	2	0	2	0	0	3	0	7	4	4

WP- Jason Schwartz

LP- Meger

2B- Biondi (HP)

HR- Streicker (HP), Mitrovich (N)

Third seeded Highland Park used a five-run fourth inning to earn a 10-7 decision over top-seeded Niles Braves Red to claim the 2010 North Suburban Colt League championship. The win marked Highland Park's second title in the past four years as it first won the crown in 2007. Highland Park starting pitcher Jason Schwartz battled the heat and went the distance for the win.

Both team tallied twice in the first inning. Highland Park's Daniel Oversen opened the game with a single and promptly stole second base. Adam Kaplan tripled home Oversen and then scored on an infield out. In the Braves half of the first, Matt Walsh (2-4, 2 runs) singled with one out and Nick Mitrovich (2-3, 4 rbi, 2 runs, 2B, HR) doubled him home. A Highland Park error allowed Mitrovich to score the tying run. In the second, Ben Streicker (3-4, 3 rbi, 2 runs, HR) singled and wound up scoring on a Braves error. Niles took a brief lead in the third. With two outs, Braves catcher Chris Roombos reached on an infield error and moved to second on wild pitch. Another infield error allowed Roombos to score and put Jared Deveau at second where he scored on Keenan Connelly's single.

Highland Park scored five times in the fourth to take an 8-4 lead. Christian Biondi opened the inning with a double and Alec Van Cleve walked. Striecker then blasted a pitch over the left center field fence for a three run homer. After a walk to Alec Greenberg, Emmett Smith's fly to center was misplayed, allowing Greenberg to score and Smith to take second base. Another Braves outfield misplay on a ball hit to left field by Oversen, plated Smith with the final run of the inning. After a scoreless fifth inning, Highland Park tacked on a singled run in the sixth. Smith opened the inning with a bloop single to right field and moved to scoring position on an infield out. Jordan Schwartz's singled scored Smith to give Highland Park a 9-4 lead. The Braves made things interesting in the bottom of the sixth. After retiring the first two hitters, Highland Park's Jason Schwartz hit Jason Meger with a pitch and surrendered a single to Walsh. Mitrovich came to the plate a deposited a Schwartz fast ball over the center field fence to cut the Highland Park lead to 9-7. Highland Park added an insurance run in the seventh as Van Cleve led off with a single, stole second, and scored on a Greenberg single. Niles was able to bring the tying run to the plate in the top of the seventh thanks to two walks but Schwartz induced an infield popout to end the game.