Good morning all,

Recap and my thoughts on last Sunday’s games, and below that, schedule of the weeks upcoming events.

Questions/comments – send them over!

Thanks, Matt

I thought we did a good job of using the data was at hand, early in game 1, we saw the oppositions catchers pop time and pitchers time to plate, both in our favor, and our guys were aggressive early on the bases.  Team needs to continue to work to pick up opponents looks and timing sequences continually throughout the games.

Took a good step forward with our runners being more active at second base, we saw some good jumps and a few swipes of third base.  Couple times in game two we lost some of that aggressiveness.   Continual improvement in this area.

On the mound, I thought we very solid top to bottom.  Saw a lot of guys throw, and a lot of guys throw well, we were able to avoid the big innings.  Our first pitch strike ratio, was improved, but still on the lower side, we will continue that focus.

Defensively, solid, guys diving for balls, some great turns up the middle.  We are going to talk a bit more on the chain of command, help the guys know who should take charge on fly balls, hopefully see a bit more early calling for the ball.

A few instances we have seen through our games so far, and probably the biggest area to make sure we become great at:  Hard 90’s and 100% in-between the lines.  Seen a few balls in play, where we are not going hard, either assuming automatic out or not thinking get the extra base off the bat.  An area that will become really important once bigger eyes are on the players.   Will be a big focus next time out.

Upcoming events this week:

**Tuesday**

Defense Practice at University of Northwestern

 6:00 PM – 7:45 PM

 Pitchers 7:45 – 8:15

**Thursday**

Hitting at both Arden Hills and Woodbury\*

**Saturday**

Team practice at Health East (9am - 11am)