

TEAM REPORTER

Welcome to the 2011 MBA Press Corps! Our players will appreciate your faithful, prompt, quiet, behind-the-scenes work this spring, as they excitedly scan the sports sections of the *Contra Costa Sun* and *Lamorinda Weekly* each week, looking for their team's game—and even their own name!

Goal

The goal of MBA news reporting is to delight our MBA players with fair, prompt coverage of their games and to **get every player from every team mentioned at least once** per season. The reporters are responsible for writing up the **home** games. If you are playing another Moraga team you must include coverage of **both teams**. Reporters for teams that are playing games against teams from other cities (Orinda, Piedmont, WC, etc.) are encouraged to write when the games warrant it (home or away), as our players will not otherwise get coverage of those games, but do not have to write up the other team.

Formats

The *Contra Costa Sun* publishes game results in a “roundup” format. You need to include the age group or division, date of game, score (listing both team names), and just a few highlights from both teams. Here is an example:

Moraga Baseball Association
Pinto Division
May 10, 2008

Marlins 16, Padres 15: Joe Smith hit a triple in the third inning to tie the Padres. Bob Jones went 3-for-3 and scored the winning run for the Marlins in the top of the sixth. Hank Allen went 4-for-4 with 4 RBIs to lead the Padres, while both Jack Black and Ben White brought in 2 RBIs each.

Lamorinda Weekly publishes the game results in a “box score” format. You need to include the age group or division, date of game, score (listing both team names), and just a few highlights from both teams. You are allowed to mention a maximum of 4 players per team. Here are a few examples:

Moraga Baseball Association
Bronco Division
May 10, 2008

Moraga Dodgers 9, Piedmont Highlanders 3

Dodgers Highlights: John Cole 5 IP, 10 K's, 0 ER 0 BB 1H, 2-for-4, 2 RS; Joe Smith 2 IP, 4 K's, 0 ER, 1 BB, 1H; Bob Jones 2-for-4, 3 RBIs; Hank Allen 2-for-4, 2 RBIs; Brian Peterson 2-for-3, 1BB, 2 RBIs; Tommy Pride 1-for-3, 2B.

Moraga Baseball Association
Pinto Division
May 10, 2008

Marlins 16, Padres 15

Marlins Highlights: Joe Smith 3-for-4, 3B, 2 RS, 1 RBI; Bob Jones 2-for-4, 2 RS, 1 RBI; Hank Allen 3-for-3, 1 RS, 1 RBI.

Padres Highlights: Adam Lane 4-for-4, 3B, 4 RS, 4 RBIs; Jeff Black 2-for-4, 1 RS, 2 RBIs; Brian Peterson 2-for-4, 2 RBIs.

The abbreviations are as follows:

RBI = runs batted in	HR = home run	K's = strikeouts
1B = single/base hit	BB = walk	DP= double play
2B = double	IP = innings pitched	RS = runs scored
3B = triple	ER = earned runs	W = win

Please **check the spelling of all players' names**, as even the simplest names are sometimes spelled differently. It is a good idea to keep the MBA Program Book by the computer when you are writing the article. The Moraga PTA's Student Directory is handy, too.

Deadline

The submission deadline is **5:00 p.m. on Saturday** for the next week's paper. If your report is finished early, send it to the MBA Press Coordinator immediately so that he/she can begin processing it. It makes the Press Coordinator's job much easier if results are not sent in at the last minute. It is also much easier for you to write your report within a day or two of your games while things are still fresh in your mind. You are responsible for writing up both the roundup and the box scores. **Do not put off or hold your write-ups and send several in all at once.** The players really like seeing reports about their games on a timely basis. Items received after the deadline will not be submitted until the following week. Under no circumstances are individual reporters to submit anything directly to the *Contra Costa Sun* or *Lamorinda Weekly*.

Submission

- Please email your articles to **PressBox@moragabaseball.org**
- Please embed your articles in the email, not as an attachment.**
- Please label the subject line of your email with your division (Pinto, Mustang, etc...).
- Please include your name, as that is not always obvious from your email address.

Scoops For Sluggers

Please also report to names of any players who hit a home run to the Scoops for Sluggers coordinator, **Julie Curtiss (377-7526, juliecurtiss@yahoo.com)**.

One final note (Important!!!): Every season we have a few reporters who, for whatever reason, do not do their job. As a result, you have some teams who go all season without any mention in the paper. It is very demoralizing for these players to read about their friends week after week, while their team is ignored. If you have accepted this job, do what is right for the children and take the time to write up the games. If you find you cannot, try to switch team jobs with another parent.