

Up 7-0 One Minute Then Tied the Next? That's Baseball.

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Sometimes the best games are the ones where there is no clear losing team — rather, both sides come out as winners.

That was certainly the case when the Intermediate Chicago Whales took on the Newark Peppers in a game early on in the 2018 Albany Little League season.

Initially, the Whales had the upper hand, outpacing the Peppers with a massive 7-0 lead. The early shut out was due in part by strong pitching by Whales players Eli, Donovan and Russell, who pitched the first three innings for the Whales and did a terrific job keeping the Peppers shut out. Jacob and Nolan both had two singles during the game and Donovan had a double.

The team was also on a stealing streak, with every player but one stealing bases during the game.

But in the fourth inning, the Peppers came roaring back, tying the game in a thrilling head-to-head match. Each team was gaining ground when, suddenly, the rain started. And as the sky opened up, it was clear to everyone there that the weather was going to rule the day — it was clearly not going to clear up. As a result, the game was called as a 7-7 tie.

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