

2026 IABA Tournament Recap

Game 1: Watkins defeats the QC 76ers 14-3 in 5 innings. **WP:** Zander Murray. Gage Franck had 4 Hits and 5 Rbis. **Recap:** Watkins laced up its hitting shoes and scored 10 Runs in the 2nd after scoring 2 in the 1st. Watkins would score 14 Runs on 12 Hits.

Game 2: CR Storms defeats Williamsburg 5-4. **WP:** David Holtz. **SV:** Caleb Mossman. Nick Day has 2 Hits, 2 Rbis and scored the winning run. **Recap:** The Storm scored 4 runs in the 2nd, but Williamsburg would tie it up in the 3rd. A Balk in the 5th provided the winning run.

Game 3: DM Thunder defeats Red Top 2-1. **WP:** Turner Williams. **SV:** Brandon Schoonover. Lucas Farren had 2 Hits and 2 Rbis. **Recap:** Red Top scored 1 Run in the 1st and took that lead into the top of the 7th behind the strong pitching of Adam Knudsen (12 K's), where the Thunder would score twice and hold on for the win.

Game 4: Watkins defeats the CR Storm 12-0 in 5 innings. **WP:** Jackson Watters. Grayson Kirsch had a 3 Run Homer in the 1st, Xavier Perez had a solo home run in the 2nd, Drake Obermueller had a Grand Slam in the 3rd and Brady Lukavsky had a solo shot in the 4th. **Recap:** Watkins scored early and often and got additional Rbis from Jack Lux, Gage Franck and Logan Wroe.

Game 5: Norway defeats the DM Thunder 3-0. **WP:** Jordon Hanlon threw a Complete Game. Evan Schmierer had 2 hits, scored twice and stole 3 bases. Colton Duerling had 2 Rbis. **Recap:** Norway took a 1 Run lead in the 3rd and added 2 insurance runs in the 5th.

Game 6: Watkins defeats Norway 8-4 in the Championship Game. **WP:** Colton Clarahan. Grayson Kirsch had a Grand Slam in the 1st; Brady Lukavsky would follow him with a solo home run. In the 3rd, Kirsch would homer again, and Gage Franck Homered in the 4th. **Recap:** Watkins scored early but Norway got back into the game on 3 Home Runs, two solo shots by Bronx Lewis and a solo home run by Colton Duerling.

Most Valuable Player

Grayson Kirsch hit .445 for the tournament, including a grand slam home run, a 3-run homer and 1 solo homer. He had 8 Rbis and scored 8 times.