

## Despite Poor Offense, Street Kids Hang On for Sweep in Topeka Opener

Topeka, IN 5/3/2012

The Street Kids/Cut-Rite/Mojo softball team made their 2012 league debut in Topeka on Thursday, looking to defend their Topeka league crown from last year. They kicked off the season against Team Synergy, coming off a big Umpires Tourney win last weekend in South Bend. Butch Lehman's team is young and full of determination, and on Thursday, they almost pulled off a couple of upsets.

Street Kids had one of their lowest offensive league nights in recent memory, batting a combined .534 as a team, and only scored 13 runs in each game, but it would prove to be enough as the SKS defense picked up the slow offense en route to a sweep over Synergy, 13-11 in eight innings and 13-9, respectively.

Leland Schmucker led the way with five hits in both games that clearly moved very slow for both sides. SKS (25-4 overall, 2-0 in league) did play fantastic defense, especially in the infield. Tony Hardiman made two spectacular plays in the seventh and eighth innings of game one that would prove to be the difference. Hardimans solo home run in the top of the eighth would also prove to be the game winner.

SKS will travel to Waukegan, Illinois this weekend for an NSA cash tournament before returning to open the Elkhart league season on Wednesday.



### BOX SCORE from Topeka League

May 3, 2012

vs. Team Synergy, Won Two

Player	Hits	AtBats	HR	RBI	2B	3B	AVG.
Tony Hardiman	4	7	1	1	0	0	0.571
Jeremy Hochstetler	4	6	1	2	2	0	0.667
Joe Horvath	4	5	2	5	0	0	0.800
Jay Jeffery	4	6	0	2	1	1	0.667
Leland Schmucker	5	6	0	3	1	0	0.833
Fred Schmucker	2	7	0	1	1	0	0.286
Faron Miller	3	7	1	2	0	0	0.429
Jimmy Fleshman	2	6	1	3	0	0	0.333
Mike Bailey	4	6	1	3	2	0	0.667
Carl Borkholder	2	6	0	0	0	0	0.333
TJ Jorgensen	2	5	2	2	0	0	0.400
Kevin Eash	3	6	1	1	0	0	0.500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.534</b>

Game One vs. Team Synergy, WON: 13-11

Game Two vs. Team Synergy, WON: 13-9