Netherton Dentistry all smiles after perfect year

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Blowouts were Netherton Dentistry's specialty during the regular season. Pressed into a defensive battle in the tournament title game, Netherton Dentistry showed it can get stops too.

Netherton Dentistry was able to defeat Denning and Cantrell 8-2 in Thursday's championship game.

"It felt really good. We played really hard," said Netherton Dentistry coach Daniel Hullett. "Our motto all year has been 'team first.' It was a team effort in the championship game. We were picking up each other and rallying."

Denning and Cantrell struck first in the top of the first, getting an RBI double from Samara Harris to score Kaidence Crouch. Netherton

Dentistry quickly answered with two runs in the bottom of the frame, with Aubrey Oleksik's double playing a big part in giving her team a 2-1 lead.

A defensive struggle ensued, with each team making highlight plays on the infield. Netherton Dentistry counted on pitcher Caydence Wiser to shut down the middle of the field, while Denning and Cantrell answered back with a loaded infield featuring Crouch, Brooke Kesey, Cortland Porter and Ruby Denning through the middle.

Bubbles Ross kept Netherton Dentistry afloat offensively, knocking a shot into centerfield to start the second. She eventuscored on Chloe ally Wanamaker's single. Ross also scored following a single in the fourth.

Denning and Cantrell stuck around, with Porter singling and scoring in the third.

Holding down Netherton's high-powered offense proved too difficult over the course of the game, with the champs ultimately finding their footing in the fifth.

Kenzie Hullett ignited a fourrun rally with a single, followed by Jenna Mullins rocketing a triple into the outfield. Aryanna Luna, Macy McBride and Ross kept the rally alive with two-out singles, getting the payoff when Graves cleared the bases with a double.

Denning and Cantrell went down in order in the sixth, with the last out leaving Netherton Dentistry to celebrate.

Abigail Netherton and Wiser also had hits for Netherton Dentistry in the championship, while Porter, Kesey, Crouch, Denning, Harris, Watson, Patrick and Bella Campbell had hits in the loss for Denning and Cantrell.



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Aubrey Oleksik slides in to beat a throw to Denning and Cantrell's Brooke Kesey. Oleksik had two hits in Netherton Dentistry's 8-2 win in Thursday's championship game.

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Gracie **Randolph's** pitching helped Smile Doctors reach the girls 10-12 title game.

Supreme Building scoreless the last three

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Supreme Building found itself in unfamiliar territory entering the third inning. The 10-0 regular-season champions were trailing 6-4, with Triple C Nursery looking poised to pull off an upset after two close calls in the regular season.

Then Supreme Building exploded at the plate.

The champs strung together six straight hits to start the third, including an RBI double from Miguel Garcia and RBI singles from Bryce Majors, Walker Beaty and Ledger Higgins. By the time Owen McGee slapped a two-out RBI single and Kiptyn Medley finished the flurry with a triple, Supreme Building led 11-6.

Triple C Nursery was in a perfect spot to rally back, starting the bottom of the frame at the top of its order. Supreme Building was ready for the Triple C heavy hitters though, particularly the hard-hitting leftys.

Building Supreme employed a defensive shift against Triple C Nursery's leftys, bringing three infielders to the right side. Huck Damon, who finished

innings. The hits kept rolling in when Supreme Building got to the plate in the fourth. A.J. Whitman, who finished 3-for-3, started a run of 10 straight singles as Supreme went station-to-station to pile up

eight runs. Running up against the league's run rule, which allows teams to score up to seven runs or 10 if the bases are loaded after six runs and a player hits a grand slam, Supreme Building rolled the dice on a Medley shot into centerfield.

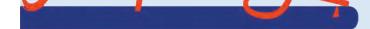
Rance Stafford sped around the bases to score the team's seventh run, but McGee's chances of also scoring looked stifled when the throw to the plate arrived seconds before Supreme Building's speedy lead-off circled the bags. While trying to apply an inning-ending tag, the ball bounced out of the Triple C Nursery catcher's glove, allowing McGee to score and make it 19-6.

Drystan Cantrell, who also had two hits for Triple C Nursery, had a two-out single in the bottom of the



Jeffery Simmons photo Miguel Garcia had three hits to help Supreme Building win the boys 6-8 championship.

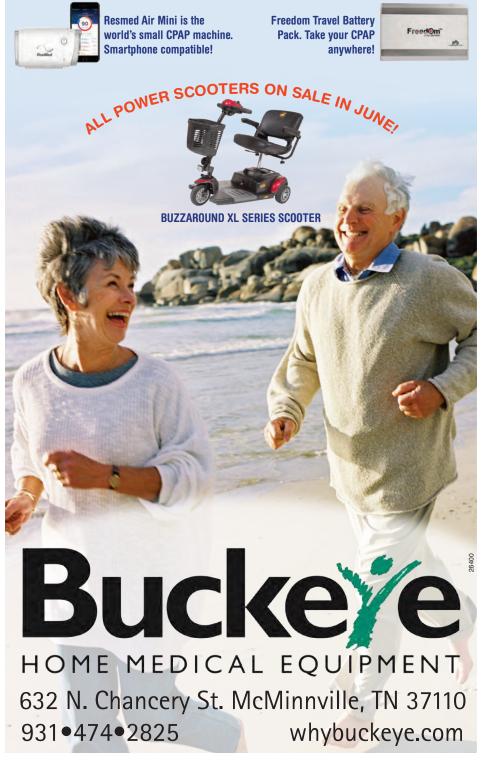
with four hits each, while Whitman, Garcia, Majors, Beaty and Grayson Todd added three hits apiece. Stafford, Higgins, Jackson Moore and Coner McCormick also had hits in the victory.



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with a team-high two hits, was able to beat the shift by going backside, but was left stranded at first as Supreme Building held Triple C

inning, but a strikeout ended the game by run rule.

McGee and Medley topped Supreme Building

Hayden Fults, Isaac Smith, Trenton Martin, Anden Green and Adam Oleksik all had one hit apiece for Triple C Nursery.



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