



Jeffery Simmons photo
Payton Farmer throws it to the infield after coming up for a grab for O'Reilly's in Tuesday's girls senior league tournament game. Farmer made big plays for O'Reilly's, which fell 25-24 to Sun Drop.

Midway

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By the time Aramburo cycled back to the box, Chaos had built a 14-7 lead with two outs. Aramburo took aim to left for a fourth time, belting a two-out, two-run double as she jogged into second base.

Jaylen Boyd put her team at the brink of victory with an RBI triple, giving Chaos a 17-7 lead going into the fifth inning.

Needing a run to avoid the mercy rule, Sun Drop got two runners into scoring position with two outs. A long fly flew into left field, but Boyd was able to settle under the fly and end the game with a snag.

The victory gave Team Chaos a sweep of the titles in the girls senior league. Chaos won the regular season as well, then went through the tournament undefeated.

"The kids were awesome," said Chaos coach Jason Wood. "They showed up to play and got the job done."

Sun Drop had battled back from two early deficits to tie the game, but ultimately couldn't keep



Jeffery Simmons photo
Madison Parsley delivers a pitch for Sun Drop.

up with the big hits from Aramburo and the home squad. Kapri Talley had momentarily tied the game in the top of the fourth with a two-run, inside-the-park home run of her own.

It was part of a three-game night for Sun Drop, which fell into the loser's bracket after the first game Tuesday. Chaos came out on top of a 20-16 slugfest against Sun Drop, with Aramburo going

5-for-5 in the earlier game.

Sun Drop ran into a red-hot O'Reilly's team later, which had beaten Johnson's Wood and Iron 21-0 to advance to the loser's bracket finals.

O'Reilly built a 12-0 lead over Sun Drop, but the advantage slowly disappeared in the late innings.

Sun Drop didn't take the lead until the top of the seventh, when Jacie Hodges' two-run single put her team ahead 19-18. It was part of an eight-run seventh inning for Sun Drop, aided by two-run doubles from Madison Parsley and Sheridan Brock, which gave the team a 25-18 lead.

O'Reilly tried to flip the script in the bottom of the seventh, clawing back within one after Samantha Bell's two-out, two-run triple. The tying run was in scoring position at the end, but a strikeout left O'Reilly one run short as Bailey Barrett was chomping to get one last at-bat.

O'Reilly's star slugger was 5-for-5 in the heart-breaking loss, including three inside-the-park home runs.

Summer of success



Photos provided
Easton Denning was part of a second-place finish in the AAYBA World Series held in Flower Mound, Texas. Denning (back row, fourth from right) is pictured with his teammates on Diamond City Baseball, a travel team based out of Nashville.



BRAXTON HOPKINS



AJ WHITMAN

Locals star on travel teams

Local athletes have made a big impression outside the area on travel teams this summer. The allure of claiming state titles and World Series trophies led star baseball players to make trips all across the Southeast in hopes of winning an elusive championship.

Easton Denning, Braxton Hopkins and AJ Whitman all were able to come away with major hard-

ware during their travels.

Denning was a standout for Diamond City Baseball, a travel team based out of Nashville. Denning joined his team on a trip to Flower Mound, Texas, where the team competed for the AAYBA World Series in the major division.

Denning played a big part in helping the team finish second in the World Series.

Hopkins honed his skills this summer in the Manchester baseball leagues, opting to make the short drive to compete in Tennessee Youth Baseball Leagues. While competing in Manchester, Hopkins was able to showcase his talent and earn a spot with the Manchester Rangers.

Hitting atop the order and holding down a starting spot at second

base, Hopkins was vital in helping the Rangers win the TYBA state championship in the boys 11-12 division.

Whitman, also a second baseman, brought home two trophies this summer. Playing with the SixFive Renegades, Whitman helped his team finish second in both the Game 7 Tennessee state championship and the Game 7 World Series. In the Game 7 World Series event, Whitman earned MVP honors.

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