

KAOS at World Series



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KAOS softball traveled to the Future Stars of Sports World Series in Johnson City, Tenn. July 17-21. The World Series included 22 teams from 8 different states. After dominant warm-up play games against East Tennessee Insanity and East Tennessee Lady Fury, KAOS received a first round bye and defeated the Virginia Crushers 6-1 to advance to the quarter-finals. Saturday morning, July 20, KAOS fell 5-2 to the Wrath Softball squad from Northern Kentucky. Their run ended when they lost to Thunder from Northern Indiana 10-3. The KAOS team, comprised of players from four counties, finished ninth out of 22 teams.

10U falls short at Regionals; continues to thank community

Coach says couldn't have made it without great support

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It was a weekend of Dragon baseball in Indiana. Both 10U and 12U fell short in advancing through the Regional Tournament, but it was an amazing feat for the small town little league program to send not one, but two teams to the multi-state tournament.

Los Agaves opened their doors and welcomed the 10U team to host a fundraiser along with roadblocks in the short three-day turn around from State to Region.

Head coach Rich Brown was humbled by all the community support from donations to their motivating words and excited about the entire experience.

"Both Cal Ripken teams advancing to Regionals should leave our city feeling excited about the future of Green County baseball," said Brown. "I would like to personally thank Jesse Underwood, Shawn Milby,

and Johnathan Matney for being there and putting work in with the kids as well as all the parents who made sacrifices to get their kid to practice and games. I would also like to thank Jamie Blakeman for all she does for the Cal Ripken League and the park."

The 10U Cal Ripken team arrived in Kokomo, Ind. for the opening ceremony Thursday, proudly displaying their city, and state and American flags as they were introduced.

Friday, July 19 the team opened play against Janesville, Wisc. In a close battle, Janesville edged past the Dragons, 2-1.

They returned to the field Saturday, July 20 to kick off their second game against Ohio; Ohio led 4-2 in the second inning, but by the third inning Green took a 9-7 lead and ran away with the score to win, 15-7.

The season officially ended for the All Star squad in their third game against the Vincennes, Ind. team Saturday afternoon.

The Indiana team built a lead the Dragons were unable to recover from. They fell, 14-6.

"I am so proud of this group of young men; we had the toughest road to get to where we were and they never lost their drive," said Brown. "We come from a small town that only had 15 kids even sign-up to be eligible for All

Stars; they represented our small town to the fullest by winning the State Championship and representing Green County in the Ohio Valley Regionals."

While it may not have been the storybook ending the team had wanted, it was still a success. The coaches said they saw each player grow within the game of baseball in their own way as every kid made leaps to becoming a well-rounded ball player.

Bryson Underwood

hit the team's only homerun during the Ohio Valley Regional Tournament.

Remy Brown led the team from the plate going 7 for 11 and also showcased his pinpointed aim with multiple put-outs at every base from his center field position.

Ty Bonta, Larson Matney and Chase Milby pitched for the Dragons while Deacon James battled the heat and played the entirety of the tournament behind the plate.

12U All Stars fall in Regional Tournament; have good run

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It was an exciting week for the 12U Cal Ripken All Star team as the State Runner-Up squad earned a bid to the Regional Tournament in Indiana over the weekend.

The team was backed whole heartedly by the community and raised a good sum of money from donations and fundraisers in just three days to help fund the trip to Indiana.

Head coach Matt Squires was blown away by the outpouring of support his team received.

"We just want to let everyone in the community know how much we appreciate the support," said Squires. "I am always amazed at how the people of Green County rally around their youth."

"We are so grateful."

The team arrived in Indiana Thursday for the opening ceremony before they took the field for their first game of Regionals. Friday, July 19 the 12U All-stars opened their first inning of play against Northwestern Indiana with a 4-0 lead. They held the Northwest Indiana team scoreless until the third inning when their opponents managed to squeeze in one run. The opponent scored an additional two runs before the

Dragons won, 13-3.

Andrew Houk and Drew Squires led the team with three RBI's each; Cole Kessler, Caleb Corbin, and Maddox Phillips each with two. Squires pitched 2.1 innings and ended with three strike-outs, allowed only two hits, and finished with no errors. Kessler pitched 1.2 innings and ended with one strike-out, allowed only three hits, and two runs. Each team ended with three errors.

The Dragons moved to game two against Crowne Point. Crowne Point took an early lead Friday, scored five runs to Green County's two in the first two innings. The Dragons batted big in the third inning to take over the lead 6-5. Offense halted for the Dragons and Crowne Pointe squeeze in two more runs to win narrowly, 7-6.

Squires is very proud of his team and their overall efforts and the way they carried themselves on and off the field.

"The Southeast Lexington game was a tough one," Squires said. "Our pitchers pitched well enough to win, but ultimately we made too many mistakes in the field to overcome."

"Our boys represented Green County well and were complimented on how they handled themselves on and off the field."

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