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Around The Horn

News for the Middle Atlantic Region

Bear Captures National Title

Bear, Delaware has won the Cal Ripken Major/60 World Series which was held in Martin, Tennessee.



Bear compiled a record of 3-1 in pool play. In their three wins they scored forty-two runs and allowed just five runs. They beat Bemidji, MN (14-0), Martin, TN (12-2), and Visalia, CA (14-3). In their closest pool play game and only loss, South Daytona, FL beat them 6-4.

The 3-1 record was good enough to advance Bear to the single elimination bracket as the 2nd place American pool entry.

In bracket play Bear defeated Arlington, MA 8-5 and South Lexington, KY 7-4. In the final game of the series Bear faced Kennewick, WA and beat them 3-2 to become World Series Champions. ♦

College Point Takes Silver Trophy

College Point, New York took second place in the 13 year old World Series held in Jamestown, New York.

Three wins over Sikeston, MO (11-5), Jamestown, NY (11-1), and Westchester, CA (7-6) and one loss to Greenville, NC (7-13) gave them a 3-1 record for pool play.

They advanced to the bracket phase as the 1st place American pool team.

Their first game in bracket play was a must anticipated rematch with Westchester, CA. College Point won 11-9. They then faced Bryant, AR in the finals.



Bryant and College Point slugged it out for 8 innings. In what was one of the best championship games ever played, College Point ended up losing to Bryant 13-12. The loss gave College Point the second place trophy for the series. ♦

Branchburg Takes the Bronze

At the 10 year old World Series in Abbeville, Louisiana Branchburg, New Jersey took the third place prize.

The 10 year old series still uses the double elimination bracket format.

Branchburg won their first game against Kenner, LA (5-1) then lost their second to Buchanan, CA (0-8). They then fought their way in the loser's bracket winning their next two games. They beat Bryant, AR (8-7), and Mineral Area, MO (5-2).

In their final game Branchburg again found themselves facing Buchanan, CA. They lost 15-0 to take the third place trophy in the series.♦



How the Other Regional Teams Did

Major/70 in Aberdeen, MD – There were three regional teams in this World Series. The host team was Bel Air, MD. They went 0-4 in pool play losing to College Pt, NY (2-10), Jupiter, FL (1-18), Lexington, KY (4-12) and Baxter, MN (8-10). They did not advance.

Charles County, MD was the Maryland State Champion representative. They compiled a 3-1 record. Their only loss was to Bakersfield, CA (1-2). They beat New Canaan, CT (7-6), Kenner, LA (7-6) and Idaho Falls, ID (4-0). They advanced to the bracket phase but lost to Jupiter, FL (0-9).

College Point, NY was the regional winner for this age group. They also had a 3-1 record in pool play. They beat Lexington, KY (12-11), Baxter, MN (19-1) and Bel Air, MD (10-2). Their only loss was to Jupiter, FL (6-8). They did not advance.

13 Year Old in Jamestown, NY – There were two other Middle Atlantic teams in the 13 year old World Series. The host team was Jamestown. They lost all four games in pool play and did not advance. Their losses were to Greenville, NC (2-10), Sikeston, MO (2-7), College Point, NY (1-11) and Westchester, CA (2-14).

The Western New York State Champion was North Syracuse, NY. They also lost all four games in pool play. Their losses were to Bryant, AR (8-9), Youngstown, OH (10-12), Greenwich, CT (3-4) and Thurston County, WA (5-10).

14 Year Old in Quincy, MA – The Middle Atlantic Regional champion in this tournament was Syracuse, NY. They compiled a 2-2 record in pool play. Syracuse beat West Fargo, ND (3-0) and Quincy, MA (7-2) but lost to

Palo Alto, CA (4-11) and Tallahassee, FL (1-12). Their record was good enough to advance to the elimination bracket phase where they lost to Nederland, TX (0-13).

13-15 in Van Buren, AR – Nottingham, NJ was the regional champion at this World Series. They beat Van Buren, AR (9-2) and Torrence, CA (3-2) but lost to East Twins, MN (1-3) and Tallahassee, FL (3-4). They did not advance to the single elimination phase.

16-18 in Newark, OH – The Middle Atlantic regional champion was Long Island, NY. They compiled a 2-2 record in pool play beating Modesto, CA (3-2) and Charleston, MO (11-6) but losing to Mobile, AL (1-11) and Licking County, OH (5-9). They advanced to the elimination round as the 2nd place American pool winner but lost to Houma, LA 4-5.

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Baseball Quote

“They say the first World Series is the one you remember most. No, no, no. I guarantee you don’t remember that one because the fantasy world you always dreamed about is suddenly real.”

--Sparky Anderson

2008 TOURNAMENTS

Regional Tournaments

Cal Ripken Div. 10 year-old
Site: Troy, NY
Winner: **Branchburg, NJ**

Cal Ripken Div. Major/60'
Site: Bridgewater, NJ
Winner: **Bear, DE**

Cal Ripken Div. Major/70'
Site: Edison, NJ
Winner: **College Point, NY**

13-year-old
Site: Washington Twp., NJ
Winner: **College, Point, NY**

14-year-old
Site: State College, PA
Winner: **Syracuse, NY**

13-15 year old
Site: North Syracuse, NY
Winner: **Nottingham, NJ**

16-18 year old
Site: Chester, PA
Winner: **Long Island, NY**

Invitational Tournaments

8-year-old
Site: Bayonne, NJ
Winner: **East Brunswick, NJ**

9-year-old
Site: Hamilton, NJ
Winner: ???

11-year-old/ 60 ft.
Site: Clifton Park, NY
Winner: **Kingsbridge, NY**

11-year-old/ 70 ft.
Site: Washington Twp., NJ
Winner: **Brick (Amer.), NJ**

16-year-old
Site: Bear, De
Winner: **Bergen County, NJ**

World Series

Cal Ripken 10 and under
Site: Abbeville, LA
Winner: **West Raleigh, NC**

Cal Ripken Div. Major/ 60'
Site: Martin, TN
Winner: **Bear, DE**

Cal Ripken Div. Major/70'
Site: Aberdeen, MD
Winner: **Jupiter, FL**

13-year-old
Site: Jamestown, NY
Winner: **Bryant, AR**

14-year-old
Site: Quincy, MA
Winner: **Norwalk, CT**

13-15 year old
Site: Van Buren, AR
Winner: **Torrence, CA**

16-18 year old
Site: Newark, OH
Winner: **Portland, OR**

SOFTBALL 12U
Site: Luzerne County, PA
Winner: **Hamilton, NJ**

SOFTBALL 16U
Site: Pittsfield, MA
Winner: **Lodi, CA**

