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Teams battle today to stay alive in Junior League World Series in Taylor

Day three of the 2011 Junior League World Series at Taylor's Heritage Park is in the record books. Tuesday's action featured a no-hitter and a three-hitter by international pitchers and some key wins by teams in the USA Pool.

Games continue Wednesday at Taylor's Heritage Park, 12111 Pardee Road:

- Taoyuan, Chinese Taipei (Asia-Pacific) vs. Yabucoa, Puerto Rico, 11 a.m.
- North Canton, Ohio (USA Central) vs. Tampa, Florida (USA Southeast), 2 p.m.
- Johnston, Rhode Island (USA East) vs. Rosenberg, Texas (USA Southwest) 5 p.m.
- Emilia, Italy (Europe) vs. Surrey, British Columbia (Canada), 8 p.m.

The Junior League World Series features the 10 best teams of 13- and 14-year old players from around the world. The international tournament is the older brother of the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Games continue through the world championship game at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Admission is just \$5 per carload per game or \$10 for the entire series. Both fees include parking.

Tuesday's Game Report

A 14-hit attack powered Tucson, Arizona, to a 9-2 win over Johnston, Rhode Island, on Tuesday in the Junior League World Series at Taylor's Heritage Park. Johnny Rodriguez went 3-for-5 and scored three runs to lead the Arizona (2-1). Teammates Augie Otero and Eduardo Became had two hits apiece and scored twice. The loss left Rhode Island 1-2 in the USA Pool.

In the International Pool, the teams with the best pitching won on Tuesday. Chun Yu Wang and Chin Ou combined on a no-hitter to lead Taoyuan, Chinese Taipei, to a 10-0 win over Surrey, British Columbia, Canada. Yu Chieh Kao went 3-for-4 and knocked in two runs for the Asia-Pacific champions. Wei Fan Wang and Yi Chung Tseng had two hits apiece. Chinese Taipei is 3-0. Canada fell to 1-1.

Jairo Miquelena pitched a three-hitter and struck out eight to lead Maracaibo, Venezuela, to an 11-0 win over Emilia, Italy. Kevin Reyes and Michael Bowen had home runs for Venezuela. Didimo Bracho and Jose Briceno both went 2-for-3 and combined for five runs. Venezuela improved to 2-1. Italy fell to 0-2.

North Canton, Ohio, scored five runs in the first inning and put Rosenberg, Texas, in a hole it couldn't overcome as the USA Central champions beat the Southwest champs, 7-3. The win evened Ohio's record at 1-1 while Texas fell to 0-2. Christopher Machamer (3-for-4), Tristan Ross (2-for-3, three runs scored) and Sam Russo (2-for-3) led Ohio. Cody Wilson and Jaxon Williams had two hits apiece for Texas.

Pool Standings

USA Pool

Tampa, Florida (USA Southeast) 2-0
 Tucson, Arizona (USA West) 2-1
 North Canton Ohion (USA Central) 1-1
 Johnston, Rhode Island (USA East) 1-2
 Rosenberg, Texas (USA Southwest) 0-2

International Pool

Taoyuan, Chinese Taipei (Asia-Pacific) 3-0
 Maracaibo, Venezuela (Latin America) 2-1
 Surrey, British Columbia (Canada) 1-1
 Emilia, Italy (Europe, Middle East, Africa) 0-2
 Yabucoa, Puerto Rico 0-2

Notes

The members of the Taylor Moose Family Center at 9981 S. Telegraph Road will provide free lunch and entertainment for players, coaches and fans of the Junior League World Series from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

