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Countdown to the World Series championship continues at Taylor's Heritage Park

The only two undefeated teams in the Junior League Baseball World Series stayed that way with wins on Wednesday at Taylor's Heritage Park.

Four more games are scheduled for Thursday as the countdown continues toward the world championship.

Thursday's Schedule

Venezuela vs. Canada, 11 a.m.

Italy vs. Puerto Rico, 2 p.m.

Florida vs. Texas, 5 p.m.

Ohio vs. Arizona, 8 p.m.

Friday's Schedule

International Championship, 5 p.m.

USA Championship, 8 p.m.

Saturday's Schedule

Home Run Derby, 9 a.m.

World Championship, 11 a.m. (Also broadcast live on ESPN2)

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.

Admission is just \$5 per carload per game or \$10 for the entire series. Both fees include parking. Heritage Park is located at 12111 Pardee Road, Taylor.

Wednesday's Game Report

Chinese Taipei won for the 10th straight time over two years in the Junior League World Series, but Yabucoa, Puerto Rico made the Asia-Pacific champions work for the 7-6 victory. The Puerto Rican national champions stunned Taipei by taking a 5-0 lead and were up 6-4 heading into the bottom of the seventh and final inning. But Taipei's Wei Fan Wang led off with a single and scored on a dramatic home run by Cheng En Li to tie the game. Hung Yuan Lin singled, Chen Fei Lin walked and both runners advanced on a passed ball. Yi Chung Tseng singled scoring Lin to win the game. Both teams had 11 hits. Li was 4-for-4 for Taipei, which is 4-0 and will play for the International championship game at 5 p.m. Friday. Ray Rodriguez was 3-for-3, scored three runs and knocked in two for Puerto Rico, which fell to 0-3 for the series.

Zach Rose and Jake Woodford combined on a three-hitter to lead Tampa, Florida, to a 5-2 victory over North Canton, Ohio. It was the third straight win for Florida, which remains the only unbeaten U.S. team. Ohio fell to 1-2. The USA Southeast champions had just five hits, but put them to good use, scoring once in the fifth and twice in each of the sixth and seventh innings. Ronnie Ramirez was 2-for-3, scored twice and knocked in a run for Florida, which plays Texas at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Johnston, Rhode Island, scored two runs in the first and one more in the fourth and beat Rosenberg, Texas, 3-1. The USA East champs improved to 2-2, while Texas fell to 0-3. In the first inning, Rhode Island's Zach Coro singled and went to third on Gian Martellini's double and both scored when Joe Bongiovanni was safe on an error. Texas cut the lead in half when Jaxon Williams singled, moved to second on a walk to Wesley Thompson, advanced to third on a fielder's choice and scored on a wild pitch. Lawrence Dureault scored Rhode Island's third run in the fourth when he doubled and scored on Jacob Coro's base hit. Dureault went the first six innings on the mound and earned the win. James Picchi was credited with a save. Martellini had two hits for the winners. J. Williams and C. Sulak had two hits apiece for Texas.

Emilia, Italy, stayed alive in the International Pool with a 4-2 win over the Canadian national champions from Surrey, British Columbia. Behind 1-0, Italy scored twice in the third and never trailed again. Pietro Adorni and Matteo Bocchi each went 2-for-4 and scored a run. Bocchi also knocked in two runs. The teammates also combined on a five-hitter with Adorni getting the win and Bocchi the save. Both teams are 1-2 entering Thursday's action. Daichi Keber had two of Canada's hits.

Pool Standings

USA Pool

Tampa, Florida 3-0

Tucson, Arizona 2-1

Johnston, Rhode Island 2-2

North Canton, Ohio 1-2

Rosenberg, Texas 0-3

International Pool

Taoyuan, Chinese Taipei 4-0

Maracaibo, Venezuela 2-1

Emilia, Italy 1-2

Surrey, British Columbia, Canada 1-2

Yabucoa, Puerto Rico 0-3

For more information, visit www.cityoftaylor.com/worldseries.

