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TEXAS, CHINESE TAIPEI QUALIFY FOR USA AND INTERNATIONAL TITLE GAME; FOUR BIG GAMES TODAY IN TAYLOR

TAYLOR, MICHIGAN – Teams from Texas and Chinese Taipei have earned spots in the USA and International championship games in the 34th annual Junior League Baseball World Series at Taylor's Heritage Park.

The other two spots in Friday's pool championship games will be determined during four games today in the international tournament for the 13- and 14-year-old division of Little League. Heritage Park is located at 12111 Pardee Road.

Thursday's schedule:

Willemstad, Curacao (1-2) vs. Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada (2-1), 11 a.m.
 Rutherfordton, North Carolina (1-2) vs. Corpus Christi, Texas (3-0), 2 p.m.
 Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico (2-1) vs. Tai Chung, Chinese Taipei (3-0), 5 p.m.
 Manhattan Beach, California (2-1) vs. Newark, Delaware (1-2), 8 p.m.
 Midland, Michigan (1-3) and Brno, Czech Republic (0-4) are off Thursday.

Friday's schedule:

International Championship Game, 5 p.m.
 USA Championship Game, 8 p.m.

Saturday's schedule:

Home Run Derby, 9 a.m.
 World Championship Game, 2 p.m.

Every game is significant. All of Thursday's games were originally scheduled on Monday, but were postponed to today due to heavy rains that struck the area on Monday. Thursday's planned USA and International championship games were moved to Friday.

Daily admission is just \$5 per carload. It's \$10 for a pass covering three days: today through Saturday. Parking is included. Everyone is welcome.

The USA Southwest champions from Texas earned their spot in the USA title game Wednesday night with a 10-6 victory over USA West champ California. The Asia-Pacific champions from Chinese Taipei qualified for the International title game by defeating the Canadian national champions, 18-0.

Here are Wednesday game summaries:

Corpus Christi, Texas 10, Manhattan Beach, California 6

Texas scored in the first four innings and held a 10-2 lead. California came back with one run in the fifth inning and three in the sixth. The Manhattan Beach all-stars threatened in the seventh, but did not score as the Oil Belt Little League all-stars held on for its third win of the series. Texas' Brandon Broughton singled in the first inning, hit a two-run homer in the second and wound up with four RBI. He also earned the victory on the mound, pitching three innings of one-hit shutout in relief, striking out seven. In all, five Texas pitchers combined for 14 strikeouts, including five by Justin Quinn, who picked up a save. Quinn went 3-for-4 and knocked in two runs. Texas had 12 hits. Noah Rios was 2-for-4, scored two runs and had two RBI. For California, Chris Penna, Nick Locke-Henderson and Dylan Dennis had two hits and two RBI apiece. California fell to 2-1, but has plenty of life. The USA West champs face the East champs from Newark, Delaware (1-2) in the last game of pool play at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Tai Chung, Chinese Taipei 18, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada 0

Three pitchers combined on a no-hitter to lead the Asia-Pacific champions from Chinese Taipei to an 18-0 win over the Canadian national champions in a game between previously unbeaten teams. Cheng-Fu Liu, Rwei-Yang Gu-Lin and Chih-Heng Chiu combined on the five-inning no-hitter. The game was cut short by the 10-run rule. Chinese Taipei was up 5-0 after the first inning and 11-0 after three. Yen-An Lin went 3-for-3, scored two runs and had three RBI. Pei-Fong Dai went 2-for-4, scored four runs and knocked in two more. Shih-Kai Hsu went 2-for-2 and scored four runs. The win put Chinese Taipei in the International Pool championship game and gave the team a chance to defend its nation's Junior League World Series championship. A team from Taoyuan won the World Series last year. Canada needs a win over Curacao on Thursday to get a rematch with Chinese Taipei for the International title.

Midland, Michigan 4, Newark, Delaware 2

The USA Central Region champions from Midland, Michigan won their first game of the Junior League World Series, defeating the USA East champs from Delaware, 4-2. Michigan scored two runs in the first and two more in the third, which turned out to be all the team would need behind the pitching of Garrett Willis, who threw a complete game, worked out of six tough situations and striking out seven. Teammate Martin Money homered in the first inning and scored two runs. Liam Grady went 2-for-2 and had two RBI. Willis went 2-for-3, including a double. Delaware, which had eight hits, scored a run in the second inning and one more in the fifth. Nicholas Zegna went 2-for-4. Michigan finished pool play 1-3. Delaware fell to 1-2 and needs a win today against Manhattan Beach, California.

Willemstad, Curacao 20, Brno, Czech Republic 2

The European champions from Czech Republic scored twice in the top of the first inning, then watched the Latin America champions from Curacao score 20 unanswered runs over the next four innings and win, 20-2, in a game cut short by the 10-run rule. Curacao players pounded Czech pitching for 22 hits – two short of the Junior League World Series record. Siamani Boekhoudt went 4-for-5 for Curacao. He scored three runs and had four RBI. Mildward Baranco went 3-for-4, scored three runs and knocked in three more. Quendryson Reinilla was 3-for-3 with two runs and two RBI. Mychellon Jansen, Hermain Habat and O'Dair Marselia added two hits apiece. Three Curacao pitchers – Ortwin Pietemella, Kevin Cicilia and Ruwensly Bonifacio – limited Czech Republic to two hits. Curacao (1-2) faces a big game with Canada (2-1) at 11 a.m. Thursday. Czech Republic finished pool play 0-4.

Here are the pool standings entering Thursday's games:

USA Pool

Texas 3-0

California 2-1
North Carolina 1-2
Delaware 1-2
Michigan 1-3

International Pool

Chinese Taipei 3-0
Canada 2-1
Mexico 2-1
Curacao 1-2
Czech Republic 0-4

Taylor has hosted the Junior League World Series since its inception in 1981. The JLWS is the older brother of the more famous Little League World Series for 12-year-olds in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Games are broadcast by streaming video with play by play at www.vaughnlive.tv/jlws. The world championship game will be broadcast live at 2 p.m. Saturday by ESPN3. The game will be rebroadcast at 10 a.m. Monday on ESPN2.

NOTEBOOK

World Series officials often get inquiries about the most famous alumni players. A number of current or past professional baseball players played for teams in the Junior League World Series before making it as stars in the big leagues. They include Gary Sheffield, Eric Bedard, Brett Myers, brothers Jose and Javier Valentin, Erubiel Durazo, Chad Hermansen, Derek Bell, Delino DeShields, Shannon Withem, Adam Loewen and Chris Brock. Sheffield and Bell were teammates on the Belmont Heights team from Tampa, Florida, that won the Junior League world championship in 1982. Some future major leaguers may be on the rosters in 2014.

Other future stars to play in Taylor have included Chris Dingman and Steve Reinprecht, Junior League teammates in 1989 with Edmonton, Alberta, who went on to play in the National Hockey League. Matt Cassel (Northridge, California, 1995) is a quarterback for the Minnesota Vikings in the National Football League. Mark "Bo" Pelini, a member of the 1981 champions from Boardman, Ohio, went on to play safety for Ohio State University's football team and is now head football coach at the University of Nebraska...

The 16 umpires working the Junior League World Series include Kurt Bailey of Fort Wayne, Indiana; William Berger of Ventura, California; Bill Freeman of Southington, Connecticut; Bradley Garrison of Big Spring, Texas; Babe Glumack of Hibbing, Minnesota; Wayne Kurtz of Coaldale, Alberta, Canada; and Roberto Rivera-Rosado of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Also serving as umpires are Jason Fred Runyan of Central, Colorado; Jack Schultz of Bellvue, Washington; Larry Taylor Sr. of Punta Gorda, Florida; Fred Tempels of Winnweiler, Germany; Russell Tudor of Alexandria, Virginia; and John West Jr. of Holbrook, Massachusetts.

Returning umpires are George Glick of Fort Wayne, Indiana, as director of umpires; Orland King of Kenton, Ohio, as assistant director; and son Greg King, also of Kenton.

Umpires are selected for a World Series after going through a lengthy, stringent selection process. Appointment as a member of the umpiring crew for a World Series is the highest honor Little League can bestow on an umpire, and selection means that these umpires are considered among the best in the world.

For more information on the JLWS, visit www.cityoftaylor.com/worldseries and "like" the World Series Facebook page: www.facebook.com/juniorleagueworldseries.

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