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## UNBEATEN TEAMS PLAY TO ADVANCE WEDNESDAY IN THE JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES IN TAYLOR MICHIGAN

TAYLOR, MICHIGAN – Two games featuring undefeated teams highlight Wednesday during the Junior League Baseball World Series at Taylor's Heritage Park. The international tournament features the best teams of 13- and 14-year-old players from around the globe.

Four teams are 2-0. The winners of tonight's games will be in the driver's seat for pool championships.

In the International Pool, the Canadian national champions from Regina, Saskatchewan, take on the Asia-Pacific champs from Tai Chung, Chinese Taipei, at 5 p.m.

In the USA Pool, Southwest champion Corpus Christi, Texas, take on West champ Manhattan Beach, California, at 8 p.m.

### Four games are scheduled today:

Midland, Michigan 4, Newark, Delaware 2 (11 a.m.)

Brno, Czech Republic vs. Willemstad, Curacao, 2 p.m.

Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada vs. Tai Chung, Chinese Taipei, 5 p.m.

Corpus Christi, Texas vs. Manhattan Beach, California, 8 p.m.

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

The Junior League World Series – in its 34th year in Taylor – is the older brother of the more famous Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

### Here are summaries of games played on Tuesday:

#### Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico 11, Brno Czech Republic 1

The Mexican national champions of Mexicali, Baja California, earned their second win of the weeklong tournament for the best teams of 13- and 14-year-old players in the world. Pitchers Jesus Jimenez, Jesus Camacho and Cesar Bernal combined for a two-hitter and struck out 11 in a five-inning 11-1 win over the European champions from Brno, Czech Republic. Jimenez went 2-for-3 and knocked in a run. Teammate Valente Bellozo was 2-for-2 and scored a run. Mexico is 2-1 in the International Pool. Czech Republic fell to 0-3.

#### Manhattan Beach, California 9, Midland, Michigan 6

Joey Acosta went 3-for-4, hit a grand slam and knocked in six runs to lead Manhattan Beach, California, to a 9-6 win over Midland, Michigan. The USA West champs never trailed and led 8-3 when Acosta smashed his grand slam to deep left field. His six RBI was one short of the World Series record. The USA Central champs from Michigan had 13 hits – two each by Garrett Willis, Martin Money, Drew Gandy, JP Zaremba and Liam Grady. Money hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the fourth to cut the gap to two, 8-6. California improved to 2-0 in the USA Pool. Michigan fell to 0-3.

#### Newark, Delaware 7, Rutherfordton, North Carolina 1

Nathan Hardcastle and Andrew Emory knocked in two runs apiece as Newark, Delaware, earned a 7-1 win over Rutherfordton, North Carolina, in the third game of the day. The USA East champions scored three times in the third inning and never trailed. Five Delaware pitchers – Emory, Hardcastle, Matthew Theodorakis, Jeffrey Engelmann and Jimmy Williams – combined on a three-hitter. The win lifted the USA East champs to 1-1. The USA Southeast champs fell to 1-2.

#### Tai Chung, Chinese Taipei 3, Willemstad, Curacao 2

Four pitchers combined on a one-hitter as Tai Chung, Chinese Taipei, defeated Willemstad, Curacao, 3-2, in the nightcap at the Junior League Baseball World Series. Chiu Chih-Heng, Lin Yen-An, Gu-Lin Ruei-Yang and Hsu Shih-Kai split the seven innings of mound duties, striking out seven batters. Despite the lack of fire power, the Latin America champions held a 2-1 lead before Chinese Taipei scored two runs in the top of the fifth inning – on a ground out – to go out front to stay. With one out, Yen Kuo-Chin grounded to first base, scoring Liu Ji-Hong from third base. Teammate Lin Yen-An never broke stride from his running start at second base and also scored. For Curacao, pitchers Siamani Boekhoudt and Halim Rosalina combined on a four-hitter. The Asia-Pacific champions improved to 2-0 and is tied with Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada for first place in the International Pool. Curacao fell to 0-2.

### Here are the pool standings entering Tuesday's games:

#### USA Pool

Texas 2-0

California 2-0

North Carolina 1-2

Delaware 1-2

Michigan 1-3

#### International Pool

Canada 2-0

Chinese Taipei 2-0

Mexico 2-1

Curacao 0-2

Czech Republic 0-3

Four round-robin games will be played each day through Thursday. The top two teams in each pool play for the International (5 p.m.) and USA championships (8 p.m.) on Friday.

The International and USA champions meet for the world championship at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 16. The game will be televised live on ESPN3 and rebroadcast at 10 a.m. Monday, August 18, on ESPN2.

Streaming video with play by play of all other games can be found at [www.vaughnlive.tv/jlws](http://www.vaughnlive.tv/jlws).

**Here is the schedule of games for the rest of the week:**

**Thursday, August 14 (Rescheduled from Monday)**

Willemstad, Curacao vs. Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, 11 a.m.  
Rutherfordton, North Carolina vs. Corpus Christi, Texas, 2 p.m.  
Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico vs. Tai Chung, Chinese Taipei, 5 p.m.  
Manhattan Beach, California vs. Newark, Delaware, 8 p.m.

**Friday, August 15 (Rescheduled from Thursday)**

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

**Saturday, August 16**

World Championship Game, 2 p.m.  
Home Run Derby, TBD

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