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THE WORLD COMES TO TAYLOR! SUNDAY IS DAY TWO OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES

TAYLOR, MICHIGAN – Opening Day of the Junior League Baseball World Series is in the books at Taylor’s Heritage Park. Sunday is day two of the international tournament for the best teams of 13- and 14-year-old ballplayers from around the globe.

Four games are scheduled Sunday at World Series Field:

- Newark, Delaware (0-0) vs. Corpus Christi, Texas (1-0), 11 a.m.
- Brno, Czech Republic (0-1) vs. Tai Chung, Chinese Taipei (0-0), 2 p.m.
- Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada (1-0) vs. Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico (1-0), 5 p.m.
- Rutherfordton, North Carolina (0-1) vs. Midland, Michigan (0-1), 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 in Taylor.

The Junior League World Series is one of nine World Series sanctioned by Little League International. The Taylor South Little League has hosted the series for 34 years – since its inception in 1981.

The Junior League World Series is the “older brother” of the more famous Little League World Series, for 12-year-olds, which is celebrating its 75th year in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

The 2014 games kicked off on Saturday. Here are game summaries:

Manhattan Beach, California 8, Rutherfordton, North Carolina 7

Chris Penna scored from third base on an infield error in the bottom of the seventh inning to give Manhattan Beach, California, an 8-7 victory over Rutherfordton, North Carolina, in the opening game of the 2014 World Series. With the game tied at 7-7, Penna walked and moved to third on a double by Joey Acosta before scoring on a grounder to second, ending the game. Acosta and Wyatt Robb had three hits apiece for the USA West champions and Robb had three runs batted in. Acosta also was the winning pitcher. Cameron Snethen, Joshua Searcy and Jason Crowe had two hits each for the USA Southeast champs. It was the first time in the 34-year history of the Junior League World Series that a team from North Carolina earned a regional championship and qualified to play.

Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico 6, Willemstad, Curacao 4

The Mexican national champions from Mexicali, Baja California, overcame a 3-0 deficit and edged Latin America champions Willemstad, Curacao, 6-4. Mexico (1-0) scored a run in the third, three in the fourth and two more in the sixth and then held on as Curacao added a run in the top of the seventh to make it interesting. Ramon Osete was 2-for-2 for the winners, who had six different players score runs. Mychellon Jansen and Hermain Habat had two hits apiece for Curacao. Valente Bellozo was the winning pitcher.

Corpus Christi, Texas 7, Midland, Michigan 1

The USA Southwest champions from Corpus Christi scored four runs in the third inning and never trailed, taking a 7-1 win over Midland, Michigan. The Oil Belt Little League all-stars scored in the fourth on an RBI single by Brian Juarez, a sacrifice fly by Justin Quinn, an RBI double by Dakota Roe and an error. Brandon Broughton went 2-for-3 and scored twice. Juarez, Noah Rios and Matthew Castro also had two hits each. Quinn and Colton Duff knocked in two runs each. Five Texas pitchers combined on a three-hitter and eight strikeouts with Juarez getting the victory. Drew Gandy scored the only run for Midland, making its first appearance in the JLWS since 1991.

Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada 20, Brno, Czech Republic 11

A nine-run first inning by the Canadian national champions from Regina, Saskatchewan, set the tone for one of the longest games in recent memory of the Junior League World Series. Canada, which defeated Brno, Czech Republic, 20-11, led 11-0 after 1½ innings before the European champions rallied for nine runs over the second and third innings. Up 11-9, Canada scored six runs in the fourth inning to put the game out of reach. Both teams took advantage of walks. Canada had 11 hits – two each by Stefan Adkinson and Dylan Bells. Adkinson, Marcus Roflik, Austin Ilijevski, Lee Fiala and Adam DeCorby scored three runs each for Canada. Fiala walked four times. Czech Republic had just five hits, two by Lukas Rehurek.

The teams from Chinese Taipei and Delaware had the day off. A team from another part of Chinese Taipei, Taoyuan, won the Junior League world championship in 2013.

Here are the pool standings entering Sunday’s games:

USA Pool

Texas 1-0
California 1-0
Delaware 0-0
North Carolina 0-1
Michigan 0-1

International Pool

Mexico 1-0
Canada 1-0
Chinese Taipei 0-0
Curacao 0-1
Czech Republic 0-1

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

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.

NOTEBOOK

During Friday night's opening ceremonies, the 2014 World Series was dedicated to the late Steve Gerick, a longtime member of the scorekeeping crew for the series. Steve passed away in July.

In addition to the introduction of the Class of 2014 World Series teams, opening ceremonies included the introduction of the Taylor baseball team that won the Intermediate 50/70 Central Region championship and played in the World Series in Livermore, California.

Thanks to Taylor Ford, which funded the opening-night fireworks. Taylor Ford is relocating to 13500 Telegraph Road.

The 2014 World Series started a day earlier than usual. No games are scheduled for Friday, August 15, which is an "open day" in case makeup games are needed due to rain earlier in the week.

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

Monday, August 11

Curacao vs. Canada, 11 a.m.
North Carolina vs. Texas, 2 p.m.
Mexico vs. Chinese Taipei, 5 p.m.
California vs. Delaware, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, August 12

Mexico vs. Czech Republic, 11 a.m.
California vs. Michigan, 2 p.m.
North Carolina vs. Delaware, 5 p.m.
Chinese Taipei vs. Curacao, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, August 13

Delaware vs. Michigan, 11 a.m.
Czech Republic vs. Curacao, 2 p.m.
Canada vs. Chinese Taipei, 5 p.m.
Texas vs. California, 8 p.m.

Thursday, August 14

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

Friday, August 15

Open day. Events will be determined.

August 16

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

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