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Four great games Monday during the Junior League Baseball World Series at Heritage Park

TAYLOR, MICHIGAN – The games of the 30th annual Junior League World Series continue Monday at Taylor's Heritage Park.

The World Series features the best teams of 13- and 14-year-old players – it's the big brother of the Little League World Series for 12-year-olds in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Monday is day two of the series. Four games are played each day through Thursday, followed by the International and USA championship games on Friday and the world championship game at 4 p.m. on Saturday. The last game will be televised live on ESPN2.

Tickets are \$5 per carload per day or \$10 for the entire series. Both prices include parking. Heritage Park is located at 12111 Pardee Road. Games are played on World Series Field.

Monday's schedule

Freehold Township, New Jersey (0-1) vs. Mechanicsville, Virginia (0-0), 11 a.m.

Guatemala City, Guatemala (0-1) vs. Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico (0-0), 2 p.m.

Kirovograd Center/Rivne, Ukraine (1-0) vs. Taipei City, Chinese Taipei (1-0), 5 p.m.

Jeffersonville, Indiana (0-1) vs. El Monte California (1-0), 8 p.m.

Sunday's highlights

The opening game of the 30th Junior League World Series was won by the USA Southwest champions from **Tyler, Texas**, over Central champ **Jeffersonville, Indiana**, 7-0. In a workmanlike performance, Texas scored four times in the third inning and three runs in the fourth to seal the win. In the bottom of the third, Jaylon Dews and Jacob Lundmark walked. Shortstop Pat Mahomes followed with Texas' first hit – a sharp single to center – to score Dews. Lundmark scored on a double by Mason Mallard. And Texas starting pitcher Ryan Cheatham smashed a towering two-run home to center to make it 4-0. The next inning, a bases-loaded walk to Cheatham scored Dews. Back-to-back outfield errors allowed Texas to score two more runs. Indiana threatened to score in the top of the sixth when Chandler Dale was hit by a pitch and Hayden Robb doubled to left, but they were stranded by Texas relief pitcher Jake Parker. Texas displayed solid defense, highlighted by a sparking double play started with a backhanded stab by second baseman Lundmark, who backhanded the ball to shortstop Mahomes, who then rifled the ball to Chris Davis at first. Cheatham finished with three runs batted in and Mahomes struck out five in 2 1/3 innings of relief. The loss was the first for the Indiana all-stars, who had won 17 straight games before arriving in Taylor. Texas extended its post-season winning streak to 16.

Kirovograd Center/Rivne, Ukraine, came from behind to defeat **Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada**, 5-4. Mykola Liakhovetskyi singled home Serhii Stadnytskyi to break a 4-4 tie with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning. Ukraine struck first in the game with two runs on singles by Yevhen Zhantalai and Dmytro Kiliyevych, three walks and a fielder's choice. Canada countered with four runs in the second. After an outfield error and a hit batsman, Brandon Becking doubled home Alex Romanowski and Alex Hunt singled home Curtis Taylor. Beck scored on a fielder's choice and Hunt scored on a single by Javeed Khankashi. Ukraine tied the game in the fifth without a hit. Oleksii Karpunin and Maksym Romanchuk scored for the European champs after a combination of another hit batsman, a walk, a wild pitch and two fielder's choices. Canada had runners on second and third in the top of the seventh, but didn't score. In the bottom of the inning, Stadnytskyi singled, took second on a sacrifice bunt and third on a wild pitch. With two out, he scored on a single up the middle by Liakhovetskyi. The win was Ukraine's first in two appearances in Taylor. The Kirovograd team went 0-4 in its first visit to Taylor in 2007. This is Coquitlam's third straight appearance in the World Series as the Canadian national champion.

El Monte, California, pitchers Nick Brown and Fernando Rosales combined on a one-hitter as the USA West regional champions defeated **Freehold Township, New Jersey**, 11-2. California players scored early and often, getting all the runs they needed in the first on back-to-back ground-rule doubles by Antonio Ruiz and Nick Brown and a mammoth home run to left by Rosales. El Monte doubled their lead in the second inning when Gabriel Juarez singled home Cesar Torres and Bryan Velasquez and Juarez scored on Ruiz's second double of the night. Brown homered into the left-center field crowd with Ruiz on base in the fifth to make it 8-0. Ruiz scored his team's ninth run in the sixth after walking and coming home on Brown's third extra-base hit, a double to deep center. New Jersey finally broke through with two runs in the bottom of the sixth. After two errors, Steven Ginter hit a single to right field, scoring Anthony Yaccanne and Al Milino. California scored twice more in the ninth. Diego Palamino scored from third on a wild pitch and Ruiz scored for the fourth time in the game after walking and coming home on a Fernando Rosales single.

The historic meeting of two teams making their first appearance at the Junior League World Series resulted in a 7-2 victory by **Taipei City from Chinese Taipei** over **Guatemala City, Guatemala**. Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) had appeared in 24 Little League World Series for 12-year-olds and won 17 times. But this was the first time Taipei played in the World Series for 13- and 14-year-olds. For Guatemala, it's the first time in any World Series sanctioned by Little League International. After three scoreless innings, the Asia-Pacific champions broke through with three runs in the top of the fourth. Singles by Chun Yen and Kai Hsiang Yang and two stolen bases put runners on second and third. Ting Chou Chen laid down a perfect suicide squeeze bunt and wound up safe at first on a throwing error as both Yen and Yang scored. Chen stole second and scored on a single by Yau Yuan Hsu. Taipei added a run in the fifth when Hsiu Chuan Hsieh walked, advanced on two wild pitches and scored on a squeeze bunt by Cheng Yu Tsai. The Latin American Champions rallied in the fifth. Hans Werner doubled and took third on a Guillermo Saenz single. Saenz broke for second and Werner scored when the catcher threw to second. Saenz later scored on a Pablo Chaco RBI single, closing the gap to 4-2. In the sixth, Yi Yang Fang and Huang reached base on throwing errors. Fang was caught trying to steal home, but Huang scored on a bases-loaded walk and Kai Yen Chang and Tzu Wei Lin scored on a single by Tsai to make it 7-2. Tsai was the winning pitcher, allowing just one hit and striking out seven in four innings. Reliever Tzu Wei Lin struck out the side in Guatemala's bottom of the seventh.

Pool Play Standings

USA Pool

Texas 1-0

California 1-0

Virginia 0-0

Indiana 0-1

New Jersey 0-1

International Pool

Ukraine 1-0

Chinese Taipei 1-0
Mexico 0-0
Canada 0-1
Guatemala 0-1

Looking ahead: Tuesday's games

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From Taylor to Superstardom

A number of Junior League World Series players have gone on to become even more famous. At least 11 players went on to play Major League baseball: Gary Sheffield, Brett Myers, Erik Bedard, Derek Bell, Jose and Javier Valentin, Erubial Durazo, Delino DeShields. Chad Hermanson, Shannon Withem and Adam Loewen. Others are University of Nebraska football Coach Bo Pelini, Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Matt Cassel and National Hockey League players Chris Dingman and Steve Reinprecht.

All Players, Families Invited to Baseball Factory College Recruiting Seminars

Baseball Factory will present seminars on college recruiting at 2 and 5 p.m. Monday at the Holiday Inn in Southgate. The seminars are open to everyone, including players and families in town for the Junior League World Series. For information, see <http://www.cityoftaylor.com/content/baseball-players-and-families-invited-free-college-recruiting-seminars>

Need More Information?

The Junior League World Series website features up-to-date news throughout the World Series and a profile and rosters for each team. For information, visit www.cityoftaylor.com/worldseries. The World Series also offers regular updates via the social networking site Facebook. Search for JLWS – Junior League World Series – Taylor Michigan.

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