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Around The Horn

News for the Middle Atlantic Region

Condolences to the McCullen Family

Heartfelt condolences go out to Middle Atlantic Softball Regional Commissioner Ruth McCullen, her husband John and their family on the loss of their daughter Susan Marie (McCullen) Rupp.

Susan passed away on July 30th at the age of 52 after a courageous eight year battle with recurring ovarian cancer.

Like her mom Susan had a passion for coaching the youth of her town. She was involved for thirty seven years with the Pine Hill Youth Association. Affectionately known as "Coach Sue", she touched the lives of hundreds of girls and boys for almost four decades in the sports of softball and soccer.♦

North Syracuse Wins 13-15 World Series

The third time was a charm for the boys from North Syracuse, New York.

After going winless in the World Series as 13 year olds two years ago, and finishing tied for

fifth last year as 14 year olds, North Syracuse won the 13-15 year old Babe Ruth World Series in Monticello, Ark.

The Middle Atlantic Champions sailed through the pool play round beating Seabrook, AR (11-0), Kelso, WA (13-0), Bryant, AR (9-4) and White Hall, AR (7-2). Placing 1st in the American Division pool they faced Greenville, NC in the semi-finals and beat them 11-3.



In the championship game, North Syracuse fell behind 2-0 in the first inning against Saginaw Valley, Michigan. Eric Hamilton homered for NY in the top of the second and Ryan O'Kane hit a run-scoring two-out triple, later scoring himself on a double from Nick Pilotti to take a 3-2 lead in the third. That lead lasted until the top of the fifth when a Michigan batter hit a two-run homer giving their team a 4-3 advantage. In the top of the seventh, with two on, Nick Pilotti hit a three-run game winning home run.

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“We tried to do this for three years,” said North Syracuse center fielder Nick Pilotti, “We finally did it. I can’t describe what I’m feeling.”

North Syracuse is the first team from Western New York State to compete in three consecutive World Series. They are the first to become champions since Syracuse Babe Ruth won the 16-year-old World Series in 2004.

“This is the greatest group of guys I’ve ever been around,” Manager Dom Caruso said. “Absolutely, the greatest.”

Congratulations North Syracuse!♦



Results for the Regional Winners

10 Year Old World Series – Middletown, NNJ were the Middle Atlantic Champions in this age group. In the pool play phase of the World Series they amassed a 4-0 record beating Weimar, TX (21-7), Willamette Valley, OR (12-0), Ocala, FL (9-4) and Sikeston, MO (12-4). This record gave them the 1st Place American Division slot in the single elimination round.

They beat Jupiter, FL (9-6) but then lost the championship game to Scott County, KY (4-3). That gave them 2nd place in the series overall.

Major/60 World Series – Springfield. SEPA was the regional winner. At the World Series they had a 2-2 pool play record losing their first two games to Nassau, Bahamas (5-0) and Visalia, CA (2-1) and then winning their next two against Wilson County, NC (11-4) and Grand Fork, ND (12-9). They earned the 3rd place American Division spot in the play-offs but lost in the quarter-finals to East Boise, ID (16-14).

Major/70 World Series – The regional champions were from Bear, DE. They had a 2-2 pool play record in Aberdeen losing to SE Lexington, KY (10-8) and Ocala, FL (6-2) and beating Emmorton, MD (10-0) and Mineral Area, MO (9-8). This was not enough to advance them to the bracket round.

The MD State winner was from Charles County. They went 3-1 in the pool play format. Their only loss came against NW Bakersfield, CA (9-4) and they beat Mountain Home, AR (7-0), Willamette Valley, OR (12-5) and Norwalk, CT (10-2). This gave them the 1st place American division slot in the elimination bracket. They lost their only game to SE Lexington, KY (1-0), tying for third place in the series.

The host team in Aberdeen was Emmorton, MD. They went 1 and 3 in the pool play phase.

They lost their first three games to Ocala, FL (12-1), SE Lexington, KY (9-1) and Bear, DE (10-6); with their only win coming against Mineral Area, MO (9-7). They did not advance past pool play.

13 Year Old World Series – College Point, MNY were the Middle Atlantic Regional Champions. In pool play their record was 3-1. They beat Tallahassee, FL (13-9), Plainview, TX (12-2) and Mt. Vernon, OH (11-1), losing only to Torrance, CA (6-4). They advanced to the bracket phase as the 2nd place American Division seed. In the bracket they beat Manchester, NH (9-4) and East Twins, MN (18-2) to face Torrance, CA in the finals. They lost the championship game 18-4 coming in second overall in the World Series.

14 Year Old World Series – West End, PA represented the Middle Atlantic in this tournament. They had a 2-2 record in pool play losing their first two games to Tallahassee, FL (5-4) and Tri Valley, CA (11-3) then winning their next two against Winchester, VA (12-7) and South Lexington, KY (9-2). They placed 3rd in the American Division pool and advanced to the next round. They won their quarter-finals games against Vancouver, WA (7-0) but lost the semi-finals round to Tallahassee, FL (8-3). This gave them one of the two third place prizes.

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16-18 Year Old World Series – Essex County (Bloomfield), NNJ was the regional champions. In the pool play phase they won their first game against Licking County, OH (6-3) then dropped the next three to Watsonville, CA (9-8), Gulf Coast, AL (11-0), and Ottumwa, IA (10-4). They did not advance to the single elimination bracket round.♦

Baseball Quote

“Good teams become great ones when the members trust each other enough to surrender the “me” for the “we”. “

-- Phil Jackson

Regional Hall of Fame

The HOF committee is still looking for nominations for individuals who have made a significant contribution to Babe Ruth Baseball in the Middle Atlantic Region.

Those individuals should have at least 15 years of involvement with the program.

Nominations must be received by March 1st of the calendar year for review by the committee. Recognition of inductees will be tailored to individual circumstances.

The policy and procedure for nomination, as well as the nomination form may be found on the regional website: www.marbaberuth.org

Softball Champions Do Well

The Middle Atlantic Regional Softball Champions also did well in their respective series.

12U World Series – The regional winner was from Hamilton, NJ. In the pool play phase they went 4-0 beating Monett, MO (9-2), Altamonte Springs, FL (13-2), Brusly, LA (13-3) and Ovieda, FL (5-3).

This made them the 1st place American division seed. They advanced to the double elimination bracket where they won their first game against Graceland, IN (5-1), lost their second to Santa Fe, FL (5-0) and their third to Busly, LA (6-3). They placed third overall in the World Series.

12U World Series – The regional winner was from Luzerne County, PA. Their pool play record was also 4-0. They beat Herndon, VA (5-0), Hendersonville/Vance, NC (2-0), Cotulla, TX (8-4) and Coffeyville, KS (12-4). This gave them the 1st place American Division seed.

In the double elimination round they were destined to face Hendersonville/Vance, NC three more times. First they beat Lodi, CA (1-0) then lost to Hendersonville/Vance (2-0). They beat Fern Creek, KY (4-1) then played North Carolina again in the finals. They beat NC (8-1) forcing the “if” game. In that game they lost to Hendersonville/Vance (2-0) taking home the second place team honors. ♦

World Series Quiz

Do you know the answers to these trivia questions about the Middle Atlantic Region and the World Series?



1. How many states from the MAR have won each of the following age groups: 10, Bambino, 12/60, 12/70, 13, 14, 13-15, 16 and 16-18?
2. How many leagues have hosted a world series in each of the following age groups: 10, Bambino, 12/60, 12/70, 13, 14, 13-15, 16 and 16-18?
3. Which city and state in the MAR has hosted the most World Series?
4. Which is the only league in the MAR to win back to back World Series?
5. How many World Series Champions has each state in the MAR had?

2010 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Regional Tournaments

10 year-old

Winner: Middletown (NNJ)

12-year-old / 60 ft.

Winner: Springfield (SEPA)

12-year-old / 70 ft.

Winner: Bear (DE)

13-year-old

Winner: College Point (ENY)

14-year-old

Winner: West End (PA)

13-15 year old

Winner: N. Syracuse (WNY)

16-18 year old

Winner: Essex County (NNJ)

SOFTBALL 12U

Winner: Hamilton, NJ

SOFTBALL 16U

Winner: Luzerne County, PA

Invitational Tournaments

8-year-old

Winner: Spring-Ford (NWPA)

9-year-old

Winner: Medford (SNJ)

11-year-old / 60 ft.

Winner: Bear (DE)

11-year-old / 70 ft.

Winner: Piedmont (DE)

16-year-old

Winner: Eastern NY

World Series

Cal Ripken 10 and under

Winner: Scott County, KY

Cal Ripken Div. Major/ 60'

Winner: Nassau, Bahamas

Cal Ripken Div. Major/70'

American Winner: Ocala, FL

International Winner: Mexico

WS Winner: Mexico

13-year-old

Winner: Torrance, CA

14-year-old

Winner: Tri Valley, CA

13-15 year old

Winner: N. Syracuse, NY

16-18 year old

Winner: Gulf Coast, AL

SOFTBALL 12U

Winner: Santa Fe, FL

SOFTBALL 16U

Winner: Henderson/Vance, NC



Quiz Answers:

1. 10 y.o – 0 Bambino – 2 12/60 – 1 12/70 – 0
13 y.o – 3 14 y.o. – 0 13-15 – 7 16 y.o – 2 16-18 – 3

2. 10 y.o – 0 Bambino – 0 12/60 – 1 12/70 – 1
13 y.o – 5 14 y.o. – 1 13-15 – 8 16 y.o – 1 16-18 – 3

3. Jamestown, NY -- 12
(6 --13 year olds, 2 --13-15 years old, 1 --16 year old and 3 --16-18 year old)

4. Syracuse, NY (2003 and 2004 16 year old World Series)

5. MNY – 7 ENY – 1 WNY – 3 DE – 2
MD – 1 PA – 1 NNJ – 1 SNJ – 3

**2010 13-15 World Series Champions
North Syracuse, New York**



Front Row (L-r): Coach Levanti, Nick Pilotti, Gabe Levanti, Alex Caruso, Brandon Kipcinski, Brett Charbonneau
Back Row (L-R): Coach Caruso, Dan Zimmerman, Ryan O'Kane, Eric Hamilton, Dan Brower, Matt DiPaulo, Pat Wright, Tyler Bliss, Joe Bodnar, Coach Medicis