

Lafayette 9 Year Old All-Stars Keep The Streak Alive

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It wasn't long ago that the Angels of Lafayette won the AAA district four championships at Concord American Field. Now, with many of the same players, the 9-year-old All-Stars are continuing that momentum with a 13-game winning streak after a 6-5 win against San Ramon American at San Ramon Valley Field in Alamo on Friday, July 20.

The All-Stars took advantage of almost every miscue or passed ball by San Ramon, and with San Ramon also aggressive on the base paths, it was a nail biter game all the way to the end.

Jake Berry was the starting pitcher and pitched two strong innings at the mound, allowing only one run in the process.

Lafayette also received

good contributions from Max Flower, both at the plate and on the mound as well. Flower had a key hit in the third as he hit a base hit up the middle to record two RBI's on the play.

With the score 2-1, Lafayette, at the top of the fourth, Tyler Henderson stepped up to the plate and hit a key double to right field, hitting one of the hardest hit balls of the game. Henderson recorded an RBI on the play, after getting to third base on an errant play by the second baseman, then made it home on the next play when the catcher tried to throw down to third. The third baseman was unable to handle the throw and Henderson was safe at home, with a 4-1 score that put Lafayette in command.

Lafayette had a bit of a led down in the bottom of the fourth as San Ramon cut the lead to 6-5.

In the bottom of the sixth and final inning San Ramon loaded the bases with two outs. Any miscue would score the runner from third and tie the ballgame. If both runs were to get in, the game would have been over, giving San Ramon the win. Catcher Adam Remotto saw the runner on third stray too far from the base. He didn't hesitate before sending a strong throw to third where third baseman Jack Eisner quickly tagged him out to end the game, keeping their streak alive.

"I knew I had him, and I was willing to take that chance in throwing down to third," said Remotto.

Diablo Valley 14-Year-Olds Win Pony Sanctioned Tournament

Repeating their 2006 championship victory as 13-year-olds, the Diablo Valley 14's won the Pony Sanctioned Tournament in Pinole on July 15. Diablo Valley won four straight against some stiff competition from Martinez, San Pablo and Ukiah to earn the title. The team hailed from Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda, and featured the following players: Erik Baker, Tommy Beritzhoff, Daniel Brinckerhoff,

Matt Bruzzone, Josh Cushing, Tyler Davis, Trevor Lundquist, Jeffrey Markavage, Peter Matthias, Scott McConnell, Anthony Paolini, Chris Roming, Chris Worthington and Sean Wraith. The win would not have been possible without the dedicated coaching, for the second year in a row, from St. Mary's College baseball alum Adam Thompson and manager Joe Cushing.



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