

Lafayette Padres Play Cooperstown

By Zack Farmer

Although a record of 3-5 last week may not seem exciting, the Lafayette Padres had the times of their lives at one of baseball's most hallowed territories.

The Padres participated in a tournament in Cooperstown, New York, home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, playing teams from New York, Thousand Oaks, Irvine, Willamette, Shed Park (New Jersey), the Virgin Islands, and Massachusetts. In pool play, the Padres went 3-3 and went 3-1 after dropping the first two games by scores of 7-1 and 3-0. With the rust out of the gears, Lafayette picked up their game in game three of pool play as they defeated Shed Park 6-4. Jack Davis went 2-2 with two RBIs while Cole Lucey picked up the win in the game.

After dropping the next game to the eventual tournament champions, Thousand Oaks, the Padres picked it up and won their final two games against Willamette and Shed Park again.

In their second game against Shed Park, Danny Glascock went 2-2 with two home runs and three RBIs. Lucey picked up the win allowing no runs.

In the playoff round, Lafayette fell quickly to Mass Pride (Massachusetts) and St. Thomas (Virgin Islands). The Padres lost 14-6 against Mass Pride but came back from a 9-1 deficit to pull the score to 9-6. JJ Ewing, who had two home runs in the tournament, led the late charge.

Clark Evans led the team in batting average for the tournament

with a .438 stretch. Ewing led the team with two home runs and seven RBIs. Lucey led the team with a perfect 2-0 record and was third on the team with a 3.00 ERA.

The tournament was only one aspect of their trip. Before the tournament really started they visited the Hall of Fame and spent five hours there. According to Coach Jon Ewing, the trip to the Hall of Fame was the most special. They went to the Hall on Aug. 6, the day after Giants slugger Barry Bonds tied the all-time home run record in San Diego, just missing an exhibit about Bonds hitting home run no. 756, which occurred two days later.

"The kids played pretty well," Coach Ewing said. "We just had the time of our lives."

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