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## Moraga 11U All-Stars

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Front row, from left: Jacob Pappa, Travis Hartman, Trevin Kroichick, Jake Walgenbach, Jay Thomas, Carter Whiting, Shun Ishida; middle row: Park Windatt, Connor Peterson, Harry Curtiss, Jason West, Vince Mossotti; back row: asst. coach Ron Kroichick, asst. coach Brian Walgenbach, head coach Christ Whiting Photo Taizo Ishida

Moraga's 11U Bronco League All-Star team staged a spirited comeback on its way to finishing fourth in the Pony-sanctioned tournament July 5-10 at Wagner Ranch in Orinda.

The Stars opened the tournament with a 5-2 loss to Bel Passi, the tourney's eventual runner-up. Moraga seized a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Vince Mossotti pitched four-plus strong innings and left with the game tied 2-2 - but Bel Passi scored once in the fifth and twice in the sixth to win.

The Stars trailed 6-1 in their next game, against Ceres. Moraga then sprung to life in the bottom of the fifth, scoring three runs to slice the deficit to 6-4. The Stars eventually scored four times, capped by Harry Curtiss' RBI single and Parker Windatt's sacrifice fly, to take an 8-6 lead.

Carter Whiting pitched the final inning to preserve Moraga's thrilling 8-7 victory. The win sent the Stars into another elimination game, which they dropped to Bel Passi.

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