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AB Wins Tournament of Champions

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Bottom row, from left: Tyler Schenone, Simon Oh, Seppi Ortman, Brian Merken, Parker Windatt, and John Torchio; top row: Coach Buddy Rowell, Ryan Regan, coach Craig Mizell, Vince Mossotti, Kyle Mizell, Robby Rowell, coach Conner Hulse, Jake Finegold, Sam Walker, and coach Greg Ditmer

Advanced Baseball's 14U Blues (39-3) won their second consecutive Gold Division regular season title, and on June 13-14, they won the 2014 California District 57 14U Gold Tournament of Champions.

In the semifinals, the Blues defeated Walnut Creek 14-5. Kyle Mizell pitched five solid innings and Ryan Regan was perfect in relief. The Blues' offense was led by Vince Mossotti and homeruns from Mizell, Parker Windatt, and Jake Finegold (grand slam). Tyler Schenone also reached base three times.

In the finals, the Blues defeated Pleasanton National, 12-5. The Blues' offense was led by a three-RBI performance by Robby Rowell, including a two-run homerun in the first inning which started a six-run rally. Regan also scored twice. Mossotti and Sam Walker both had three-hit games. John Torchio was stellar behind the plate, and Simon Oh and Seppi Ortman provided solid defense behind their lefty-ace Brian Merken (5.1) and Schenone (1.2), who closed the game.

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