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## Orinda Outlaws Reach Elite Eight in Cooperstown

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From left: Stradley Foutch, Amir Khan, Greg Austin, Joe McIntyre, Jack Lacour, Jake Dashiell, Chris Bruen, Ryan Schwarz, Brendan Ball, Adrian Hunt, Zach Rafael, Roenigk Straub, Jacob Weiner, Pedro Jimenez Photo Provided

The Orinda Outlaws U12 Team played in a national tournament at Cooperstown Dreams Park (Cooperstown, N.Y.), which ended July 31. The Outlaws went 5-1 in pool play, defeating teams from New Jersey, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and New Hampshire. In the next round, bracket play, the team then went on an amazing 3-0 run, beating teams from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The No. 28 seeded Outlaws were huge underdogs against Pennsylvania, who were seeded No. 3. The Outlaws earned a berth in the elite eight, the furthest any team from Orinda had ever gone in Cooperstown. Overall, they finished sixth out of 104 teams. Solid pitching, including two complete games in bracket play and nearly error-free defensive play fueled the team's success. In 10 games, the Outlaws hit .484 with 149 hits and 23 home runs, hit by 10 different players; another record for an Orinda team.

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