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California Dawgs become first 13U Cooperstown All-Star Village wood bat champs

Submitted by Tony Dudum



Name of players by number: 7 Everett Zellmer, 9 Riley Gates, 14 Cody Michlitsch, 21 Colby Ebner, 22 Justin Arraiz, 23 Tommy Terhar, 24 Brock Artist, 27 Graham Schlicht, 28 Eli Dudum, 33 Owen Patterson, 42 Blake Robison and 44 Luke McLeod Photo provided

The California Dawgs baseball team was offered to play in a special inaugural 13 & under wood bat tournament. The team traveled across the country on June 5 hoping to win a few games over the week. The Dawgs kept edging their opponents by small margins of victory as they achieved eight wins over top New York teams as well as all-star teams from Texas, Utah, Colorado and Georgia.

The Dawgs faced the Scorpions from Houston, Texas in the championship. They battled to a 2-2 tie through five innings and in the top of the sixth inning the Dawgs catcher Owen Patterson hit a game-winning home run.

The Dawgs held the lead to win the game 3-2 and are now the first ever 13U Cooperstown All-Star Village wood bat champs.

The Dawgs head coach is Tony Dudum (Campo grad), assistants are Doug Robison and Glen Gates (Campo grad) and all live in Lafayette.

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