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bined to yield only three runs in 23 innings.
Rebandt threw a 63-pitch gem in shutting out Houston in the semifinal, helped by infield plays that atmanded Houston runners on third base three times.
The defense was led by middle infielders Doty and Brooks Tuy, who totaled 52 putcuts/assists for the tournament. Harris, Thomas and Brendan Clarke made several outstanding catches in the outfield.

In the championship game, Payetteville fought back from a 6-1 deficit to tie it up in the fourth inning.

The Blues rebounded in the bottom of the fourth for an 11-8 lead, only to see the Hawks use six hits in the next inning to cut the margin to 11-9 with one out. But Castine took over behind the plate, gunning down two consecutive baserunners trying to steal second base to squeich the rully.

The Blues scorned four, sixthinging runs to build a 16-9 margin, and Paul retired the Hawks in the seventh for a complete game win and the consolation crown.

Eight of the Blues' hitters were credited with at least one

RBI in the final. Thomas homered, and Doty and Rebandt drove in two runs apiece.

For the week, the Blues came through with stalwart hitting from Castine (.533), Thomas (.522), Tuyn (.448), Harris (.400), Doty (.338), Gorecki (.370) and Clarke (.308).

Greg Ford and Jamie McCarthy also provided key hits from the extra-hitter position as the Blues opted to hat a 10-man lineup throughout the tourney.

Players interested in trying out for the Blues' 13-year-old 2002 squad can call coach Rick Tuyn at (.248) 474-8855.



The champlons: The 12-and-under South Farmington Blues, who won the consolation title in the USSSA World Series in Hutchinson, Kan., are (kneeling, left to right) coach Larry Miller, Greg Ford, Brendan Clarke, Brooks Tuyn, Stephen Doty, Andy Harris, coach John Castine; (standing, left to right) coach Steve Gorecki, Jeff Gorecki, Jamie McCarthy, Akhenaton Thomas, Jonathan Castine, Josh Rebandt, Matt Paul and coach Rick Tuyn.

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