

Fall Ball champs: The 11- and 12-year-old South Farmington Blues won Total Baseball's fall ball championship. The team members are (kneeling, left to right) Chase Dehne, Shac McKenzie, Brendan Clarke, Brooks Tuyn, Andy Harris, Stephen Doty; (standing, left to right) coach Larry Miller, coach Rick Tuyn, Josh Rebandt, Tom Spisich, Joff Gorecki, Akhenaton Thomas, coach Steve Gorecki, Matt Paul, Jonathan Castine, coach John Castine.

Blues best in fall-ball league

The South Farmington Blues went out a winner in their last game as a 12-and-under team, claiming the Total Baseball Fail Ball League championship with ca 2-1 victory over the Northville Horners

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The Blues scored runs in the sixth and seventh innings at Power Field in Novi.

Pinch-runner Brooks Tuyn scored on a wild pitch with two outs in the bottom of the seventh

outs in the bottom of the seventh to seal the victory.

He ran for catcher Brendan Clarko, who led off the inning by reaching base on a throwing error on an infield ground ball. Walks to Shao McKenzie and Akhenaton Thomas loaded the

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Clarke and second baseman Tuyn combined on a key out in the top of the seventh, cutting down a runner at home to preserve a 1-1 tie.
The Blues had squelched a potential Broncos uprising in the top of the sixth when shortstop Chase Dehne relayed Thomas throw from left field to third baseman Matt Paul to nail the leadeff hitter trying to stretch a double into a triple.

Josh Rebandt picked up the championship win, pitching a complete game five-hitter, giving up only a first-inning run.
The Blues were stifled by the Broncos pitching of Clayton Pack, who no-hit them for four innings before being removed for Bret Spencer.
Pack had pitched a portion of Northville's semifinal, 10-7 victory over the Trailblazers Andy Harris' double off Spencer in the fifth inning was the Blues' only base hit.
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Tom Spisich led off for the Blues in the sixth inning with a walk, stole second and advanced to third on a fielder's choice before scoring on a passed ball to tic the game.

The Blues had their hitting shoes on in their semifinal, dominating the Saline Yellowiackets, 16-4.

South Farmington's 17-hit attack included three hits apiece by Spisich and Joff Gorecki. Catcher Jonathan Castine, Rebandt and Harris had two cach.

Dehne's bases-loaded triple in

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to stay, gathering three of his four runs batted in. Harris knocked in three runs while Castine, Spisich and Gorecki added two RBI each; shortstop Stophen Doty, Paul, Tuyn and Clark had one RBI each.

cach. Thomas was the winning pitcher, going four innings, and Paul mopped up with three innings of scoreless relicf.
The Blues, who were 9-1 in fall league regular season, were without Castine and Daty for the championship game. They had to

leave to play hockey and football, respectively.

The fall league kept the Blues together for another six weeks after a 51-10, spring-summer season, which culminated with a championship win in the run-ners-up bracket of the USSSA World Series in Hutchinson, Kan.

World Series in Hutchinson, Kan.
The fall Blues were managed by Larry Miller, who was assist-ed by Rick Tuyn, Steve Gorecki and John Castine.
The 2002 Blues will move up next spring to play in the 13-and-under division of the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball League, as defending league champions.

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