

Compuware girls have 3 close calls in qualifying win

Compuware won three of five games using the International Softball Association's 16-and-under girls National Softball Association qualifier last weekend in Wexford, Ind.

The first-place finish gives Compuware an automatic bid, bypassing the state tournament, to the national competition Aug. 2-9 in Charlotte, N.C.

In the opener, Jessica Brubaker (Waterford) pitched a two-hitter in a 4-1 victory over the Indiana Sharks. She struck out six and didn't walk anyone.

Sarah Comstock (West Lansing) and Andrea Hilborn (Waterford), who had a triple and a double, were 2-for-2.

Christy King (Farmington Hills), Emily LaBar (White Lake) and Comstock drove in the run apiece.

Compuware won its next two games 2-1 in seven innings.

Beth Carcut (Richmond) also pitched a two-hitter against the Indiana Roadrunners.

Melissa Wilson (Lake Orion) had two hits and scored a run. Carrie Shiao (St. Clair) knocked in the winning run in the top of the eighth inning.

In the bottom half, Lauren Montero (Farmington Hills) made a putout in left field and threw to second base for a double play. The Roadrunners were retired on a pop-out.

Compuware needed two runs in the bottom of the ninth, hoping to defeat the Chicago Windmills.

With Montero on second base, Shiao was able to make a fielder's choice. Hilborn followed with an RBI single and scored the winning run (after Shiao was out at the plate) on a single by LaBar.

John Concealed (West Bloomfield) and LaBar had two hits apiece.

Compuware edged the Indiana Storm in seven innings, 1-0. The winners had only two hits and scored in the fourth inning.

Wilson singled and moved up on Concealed's sacrifice and LaBar's infield out. She scored on King's ground ball while the fielder threw away.

Concealed was the winning pitcher, allowing four hits, while striking out six and leading to victory.

In the championship game, Compuware had to come from behind to defeat the Rochester Emeralds 3-2.

Compuware scored twice in the seventh inning to tie, 2-2, and scored three runs in the top of the eighth to win.

Hilborn was 3-for-4 with an RBI, and Lindsey Simko (Clarkston) was 3-for-3. Shiao, who was named the Compuware MVP by the coaches, hit a two-run homer in the eighth.

Stephanie Stawale (Farmington Hills) and Montero knocked in one run each. Concealed and King had one hit and scored one run apiece.

Montero was the winning pitcher, allowing three hits, striking out three and walking none.

Another member of the Compuware team is Hilborn (White Lake).

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NFWB-Ultimate wins 4 of 5 in tourney

The NFWB-Ultimate Precision Cobras 16-and-under softball team finished the Little Caesars USSSA National Invitation Tournament with a 4-1 record on the Fourth of July weekend.

The Cobras won their pool by defeating the Plymouth Silver Bullets, 14-0, the Cincinnati Yellow Jackets, 5-4, and Compuware, 3-2.

The girls just missed making it to semifinals of the 20-team tournament when the Grand Rapids Riptide squeaked out a 1-0 victory.

In the first game of the tourney, Kristin Schrock threw a one-hit shutout while striking out nine Silver Bullets and giving up two walks.

Katie Kelly knocked in three runs with a double and a single; Lindsey Emmett knocked in three runs with a double, and Kim Spaulding clipped in two singles.

Samantha McComb and Beth Danielewicz scored two runs each and had a hit and one RBI. Kelly Taylor doubled and scored two runs.

Katrina Vitanis, Danielle Bongoro, Patty Kolinski and Schrock added one single each.

In the second game, Emmett pitched a gutsy game in 96-degree heat against a tough team from Cincinnati. She went the distance for the 5-4 win, giving up seven hits and striking out two.

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The Cobras came from behind in the fifth inning to score two runs and take the lead when Spaulding singled with two outs and the bases loaded to score Kelly and McComb, both of whom had singled to start the rally.

Bongoro angled to load the bases for Spaulding. McComb and Spaulding finished with two hits each.

Earlier in the game, Kolinski knocked in two runs with another two-out, bases-loaded single in the second inning. Emmett knocked in NFWB's other run with a double.

The Cobras won their pool finale, 3-2, with another come-from-behind win as Danielewicz pitched a four-hitter against Compuware.

NFWB came up with two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning when Vitanis led off with a walk and McComb doubled in the first run. Emmett singled in McComb with the winning run.

Danielewicz struck out six and gave up no walks in shutting Compuware down after it had scored two runs in the second inning on all four of their hits.

She helped herself offensively with a second-inning double and scored on Spaulding's RBI single. Kelly also had a single and a walk for the Cobras.

Meghan Miniak threw a good game for Compuware as she gave up five hits and struck out four Cobras.

In the fourth game of the tournament, Kristina Colombo was set to pitch for the Cobras, but Garden City forfeited when it had too many injuries to continue play.

The final-game loss was a heartbreaker when Danielewicz fired a two-hitter against the Riptide but gave up one unearned run and no walks to go along with four strikeouts. The Cobras out-hit the Riptide with four hits.

NFWB almost scored the tying run in the bottom of the seventh inning when Emmett led off with a deep triple over the right fielder. Unfortunately, she was thrown out at the plate to end the threat. McComb (double), Kelly and Vitanis had the other three hits.

The Cobras are 9-3 for their summer tournament schedule. They play next in the NSA state tournament at Softball City in Detroit on July 11.

Cobras are co-champions

The NFWB-Ultimate Precision Cobras tied for the 16-and-under softball championship in the rain-shortened NSA Port Huron National Invitation Tournament in late June.

The Cobras and the Rochester Emeralds were the only unde-

fested teams in what was a double-elimination tournament until the rains came on June 27.

In their first game, the Cobras beat the Toledo Express, 10-0, as Beth Danielewicz and Kristina Colombo teamed up to pitch a one-hitter with no walks.

Only a fifth-inning single to right field prevented a perfect game. Danielewicz threw the first three innings and struck out four, with Colombo finishing the game.

Samantha McComb led the offense with three hits, including a home run and a double, and three RBI.

Lauren Ouellette, Kristin Schrock, Patty Kolinski and Kim Spaulding had two hits apiece. Katrina Vitanis, Gayle Ternes and Danielewicz also helped out offensively with one hit each.

The Cobras second win was a 3-2 victory over North Branch. NFWB pitcher Lindsey Emmett gave up one run but no hits with five strikeouts in the first four innings before having to leave the game with a hand injury.

Kristin Schrock came in to pitch the last three innings. Schrock allowed only two North Branch hits in the final inning.

Katie Kelly and Emmett had two hits and scored one run each, with Kelly hitting a triple.

Spaulding singled and scored the winning run; Daniel Bongoro tripled in two runs, and Gayle Ternes added a single.

Concealed runner-up in Firecracker Classic

The third time wasn't the charm for the Concealed Society 12-year-old travel baseball team.

Concealed lost in the championship game of a tournament for the third time this season, 6-3, to the Ohio Thunder on Sunday in the finals of the Firecracker Classic at Halmich Park in Warren.

Concealed, which fell to 57-12 overall, took at its unprecedented 14 times. Coach Lou Pirronello can't remember his team striking out more than six times in a game before.

Concealed managed three hits, scoring two runs in the first

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inning for a brief 2-0 lead. Two walks were followed by an RBI single by Scott Szpyrka (Orchard Lake). A suicide squeeze bunt by Eric Vojtkofsky (Wayne) scored the second run.

Szpyrka's triple brought home the third Concealed run in the sixth. Ryan Shay (Garden City), safe on an outfielder's error, scored the Concealed run.

Shay pitched "masterfully" in relief, according to Pirronello. He allowed no runs on two hits and no walks with four strikeouts after entering in relief of starter Steve Karchefsky, who struggled with control.

Concealed figures to get another

shot at the Ohio Thunder in the National Amateur Baseball Federation regional in Toledo, Ohio.

A championship there would send Concealed to the World Series in Sylvania, Ohio. Second place or worse would mean Concealed would join the American Amateur Baseball Congress district.

In the semifinals, Concealed rallied to beat Homer, Ill., 2-1.

Winning pitcher Chris Russin improved his record to 7-3, allowing one run on one hit and two walks with eight strikeouts.

Shay's fifth-inning home run with Russin aboard after a single erased a 1-0 Concealed deficit. Vojtkofsky and Eric Drieselmann (Garden City) had

two hits each to lead Concealed.

Drieselmann pitched a stellar game in the quarterfinals, won by Concealed, 4-1, over the Ohio Merchants.

Drieselmann, who improved to 9-1, allowed five hits and two walks. Fifteen of the 21 outs came on ground balls.

Concealed's 11-hit attack was led by Szpyrka, who was 4-for-4, including two doubles and a triple. Karchefsky was 2-4, both hits being doubles, and Mark Pirronello was 2-3 with an RBI.

Regardless of what happens in the NABF regional or AABC action, Concealed is assured an invitation to the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series July 29-Aug. 8, in Omaha, Neb.



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