

13-15 All-Stars go 2-2 at state

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After falling in the first round of the 13-15 Babe Ruth state baseball tournament in Burlington July 19-23, the Border League All-Stars fought for two wins in the consolations bracket before bowing out with a 2-2 record.

Border League players dedicated the Friday night game of the tournament to Luke Sprague of Holyoke, who had been in a farming accident earlier in the week. The team brought along a jersey with his name to the tournament.

The All-Stars struggled at the plate in the Friday, July 19 game against East Central, only picking up three hits in the match.

Border League tied the game at one apiece in the top of the fifth inning, but East Central crossed home six times in the bottom half of the inning to take a commanding lead.

The All-Stars picked up one more run in the seventh but it wasn't enough as they fell to East Central 7-2.

Caleb Andersen and Chance Dunker both threw for the All-Stars in the game. They combined to allow seven runs on four hits and five walks while they struck out four batters.

Determined not to be a two-and-out team, the All-Stars' bats heated up as they took down Pioneer 11-1 Saturday, July 20.

Cole McKinley led the team at the plate with three hits while Trey Walter contributed two hits of his own. Andersen and Brenden Kage each batted in two runs in the game.

Brendan Mayden and Gunnar Kroeger took the mound for the All-Stars, combining to allow one run on three hits. They struck out seven batters while walking just three.

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The All-Stars edged out Lamar 8-6 to keep their season alive for another game.

After falling behind early in the game, the All-Stars strung together four straight scoring innings to steal the lead. They were able to hold off Lamar for the final two innings to survive with an 8-6 win.

Seven different players had a hit in the game. Bryce Bivins led the squad with four runs scored.

Dunker threw a complete game, allowing seven hits for six runs. He struck out six while walking five batters.

The season came to an end for Border League Sunday as a 7-3 loss to Santa Fe knocked the All-Stars out of the tournament.

Santa Fe maintained the lead throughout the game as offensive woes returned for the All-Stars as they only had two hits in the game.

McKinley and Wyatt Workman combined to allow seven runs on nine hits while striking out six and walking four batters.

Players on Border League include Gunnar Kroeger, Brenden Kage, Brendan Mayden and Taylor Mayden of Holyoke; Tyler Woodhams, Chance Dunker, Trey Walter and Cole McKinley of Sedgwick County; and Bryce Bivins, Darian Wilkening, Wyatt Workman and Caleb Andersen of Haxtun.

Sherman Kage of Holyoke coached the team.

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