

## Border League wins 16-18 state championship

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Border League All-Stars needed just two wins to claim the state title as they faced Limon in the two-team 16-18-year-old Babe Ruth state tournament Saturday, July 20 in Holyoke. With the season on the line, Border League breezed to two lopsided victories, ensuring their season extends into August.

The tournament kicked off Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. It was a slow start for both teams as they were knotted up at one apiece entering the bottom of the fourth inning.



**Members of the Border League Buckley Bombers 16-18-year-old Babe Ruth baseball team are pictured from left, front row, Logan Zeiler, Irvin Vazquez, Jesus Hermosillo, Brady Heinz, Jaden Valko, Ryan Nolin and Logan Tharp; and back row, coach Marcus Kammer, Rece Coffin, Trevor Chintala, Trevor Dalton, Jaydin Goldenstein, Jeff Sherman, Chase Dunker and coach Trenton Ham. —Enterprise photo**

The All-Stars found their groove and jumped all over the Limon pitcher to score three runs. With momentum on their side, Border League scored four more in the fifth inning and five more in the sixth to invoke the runs rule at 13-3.

In the game, the All-Stars picked up 11 hits and committed just one error while Limon had five hits and made eight errors.

Jeff Sherman, Brady Heinz and Logan Tharp all had two hits in the game. Jesus Hermosillo and Tharp each crossed home three times in the game and Trevor Dalton led the team with three runs batted in.

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Heinz started on the mound for the All-Stars and threw 4  $\frac{1}{3}$  innings, accounting for three runs, two walks, four hits and eight strikeouts.



**Jesus Hermosillo rounds third base and heads toward home in the Buckley Bombers' 13-3 win over Limon.**

—Enterprise photo

Trevor Chintala picked up the save for the All-Stars, allowing just one hit and no runs in 1  $\frac{1}{3}$  innings.

The All-Stars stayed dominant in the second game, earning the state championship with an 18-5 victory.

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Border League jumped out to an early 8-3 lead with four runs scored in the first inning and two runs in each of the next two innings.

Limon was able to scrap together three runs in the third inning and another two in the fifth. A nine-run fifth inning all but ensured the win for the All-Stars as they topped Limon 18-5.



**Border League's Logan Tharp, at right, takes out the Limon catcher to cross home plate during the first game of 16-18-year-old state Babe Ruth action Saturday evening, July 20 in Holyoke. —Enterprise photo**

The All-Stars were an offensive threat all afternoon as they had 16 hits in the match. Defensively the team was perfect as they didn't commit a single error compared to six by Limon.

Heinz led the All-Stars with three hits while Chase Dunker, Jaydin Goldenstein, Tharp and Ryan Nolin each had two-hit performances. Goldenstein led the team with four runs batted in.

Dalton, Sherman and Tharp shared pitching responsibilities in the game. They combined to allow four hits and five runs while walking nine and striking out seven batters.

