



2011 JUNIOR BOYS BASEBALL FUTURE STARS EVENT

EAST STARS WIN TOURNAMENT SERIES

Dixie Boys Baseball held a wooden bat tournament the weekend of June 10-12, 2011 in Dothan, Alabama. The Junior Dixie Boys division featured a best two out of three series between the East Stars and the West Stars. The series showcased the talents of thirteen year old participants representing four states with the majority of the East roster being from the Dothan area while the West Stars were predominantly from Troy, Alabama. Team photos, tournament team rosters and the lines scores appear in this article.

Players arrived Friday afternoon for check-in and a practice session. Pennant/JP Sports, Inc. of Birmingham, Alabama donated the uniform tops for the event while Old Hickory Bats provided the teams with wooden bats for the tournament. Dixie National team Coach Andy Compton addressed the players and parents at the meal and social time sponsored by the City of Dothan Department of Leisure Services. Local dignitaries greeted the teams at the social function and welcomed everyone to Dothan. Bill Lisenby served as Master of Ceremonies.

The best of three series had the West Stars taking game one with a 12-2 win over the East Stars. The West Stars jumped out to 9-2 lead after two innings and never looked back in the five inning run rule victory. The hits were close with the West Stars having six and the East managing five. The difference was that the hits for the West team drove in runs and resulted in a big second inning for the winning team. In Game #2 the East jumped out with seven runs in the first inning and cruised to a 15-5 victory to avenge the game # 1 loss. The bats came alive for the East as they pounded out ten hits while holding the West to only two hits. The West Stars also committed three errors compared to the one error by the East Stars. The opening day split led to an exciting Sunday afternoon championship game.

In easily the best played game of the tournament, both teams were held scoreless through three innings before the East Stars pushed across three runs in the fourth inning. The three runs in the fourth and a single run in the fifth inning were plenty enough as the East Stars pitchers scattered only six hits in recording a shutout. The 4-0 victory by the East Stars gave them a hard fought series victory against a tough opponent in the West team.

Founded in Alexandria, Louisiana in 1957, Dixie Boys Baseball continues to provide opportunities for youth to participate as part of a local program. The charter members of the organization formed the program to attract the 13-14 year old participant. Dixie Boys Baseball is played on a medium sized field that allows the player to compete on a baseball diamond that is suited for the age of the participant. Over 30,000 players participated in a Dixie Boys Baseball program in 2011. For more information visit the website at www.dixie.org/boys.

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*****TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS - EAST STARS*****
2011 TOURNAMENT RECORD (2-1)



EAST ROSTER				EAST ROSTER
#	Player Name	Pos.	B-T	Hometown
00	Logan Herndon	OF/SS	R-R	Dothan, Alabama
2	Chandler Davis	P/1B	L-L	Dothan, Alabama
3	Braxton Curti	SS/2B	R-R	Panama City, Florida
4	Sam Gilmer	C/SS	R-R	Enterprise, Alabama
5	Colby Lee	SS/2B	R-R	Latta, South Carolina
6	Will Bridges	2B/3B	L-R	Dothan, Alabama
7	Jackson Williams	C/SS	R-R	Latta, South Carolina
8	Alan Smith	P/3B	R-R	Valley Head, Alabama
9	Nick Manzella	SS/OF	R-R	Dothan, Alabama
10	Caleb Chandler	1B/P	L-L	Dothan, Alabama
12	Cory McKibben	SS/P	R-R	Dothan, Alabama
14	Auborn Sheppard	1B/3B	L-R	Dothan, Alabama
15	Micah Yance	P/1B	R-R	Dothan, Alabama
16	Andrew Bogart	OF/1B	R-R	Dothan, Alabama
	Ken Holland	COACH		Dothan, Alabama
	Eddie Yance	COACH		Dothan, Alabama

DIXIE BOYS FUTURE STARS
*****WEST FUTURE STARS *****
2011 TOURNAMENT ROSTER (1-2)



WEST ROSTER				WEST ROSTER
#	Player Name	Pos.	B-T	Hometown
1	Will Gibson	2B/P	R-R	Eufaula, Alabama
2	Ty Witherington	OF/1B	R-R	Troy, Alabama
3	Hayes Lee	1B/OF	R-R	Troy, Alabama
4	Colby Roberts	OF/IF	R-R	Troy, Alabama
5	Kiegan Simmons	IF/OF	R-R	Troy, Alabama
6	Ivan Gissendaner	2B/C	L-R	Eufaula, Alabama
7	Cole Wilson	P/IF	R-R	Troy, Alabama
8	Blake Shope	IF/OF	R-R	Covington, Georgia
9	DeAndrea Pitts	P/C	R-R	Troy, Alabama
10	Gray Ritchey	IF/OF	R-R	Covington, Georgia
11	Jerrell Lawson	P/IF	R-R	Troy, Alabama
14	Hunter Blackmon	1B/OF	R-R	Troy, Alabama
15	Eric Lee	IF/P	R-R	Troy, Alabama
16	Drew Starling	C/P	R-R	Troy, Alabama
	Sam Kitchens	COACH		Troy, Alabama
	Russ Harris	COACH		Troy, Alabama

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LINE SCORES

INNING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	RUNS	HITS	ERRORS
East Stars	0	1	1	0	0	X	X	2	5	3
West Stars	3	6	1	0	2	X	X	12	6	1
West Stars	0	0	3	0	2	0	X	5	2	3
East Stars	7	1	2	0	0	3	X	15	10	1
<u>FINALS</u>										
West Stars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2
East Stars	0	0	0	3	1	0	X	4	4	0