

10U Baseball outscores the opposition 76-5 en route to District title

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BLUE RIDGE - Union County 10U Baseball will begin its quest for a state title Thursday in Canton following an impressive performance at District.

After taking out West Jackson, Gilmer, and Clay County, NC over the weekend, the Panthers dismantled Towns County, 15-3 on Monday to earn a spot in Tuesday's title game.

Jackson County defeated Towns to earn the right to challenge Union in the finals. And while Jackson hung around for three innings, the Panthers eventually exploded for seven runs in the fourth inning.

With Union leading 10-1 in the fourth, Jackson County changed pitchers, however, the replacement pitcher was ineligible due to throwing too many pitches the day before.

The illegal pitcher resulted in an immediate forfeit. Although, when the forfeit occurred, Union had a runner on third and were one run away from ending the game via the mercy rule.

UC 10, Jackson County 1 - AJ Rice got the nod for



The Union County 10U Baseball team was on a mission during the District Tournament. Photo/Todd Forrest

Union County in the championship game and the right-hander struck out three while allowing just one hit in the win.

Jax Totherow, Trenton Beavers, and Cade Dockrey each finished 2-for-2 at the dish with Beavers and Dockrey scoring twice.

Totherow also recorded an RBI triple and Dockrey doubled in a run for the Panthers.

Leadoff hitter Maddox Patton went 1-for-3 with a

run and an RBI. Matt Davis Jr. was 1-for-2 with a run; Rice singled, scored, and drove in one; Gunnar Akins singled and scored.

Bo Brown went 1-for-2 with an RBI. Eli Gwynn and Holton Fleming also added a run for Union County.

UC 15, Towns 3 - During the semifinal victory over Towns County, the Panthers jumped out to a 10-1 lead before delivering the knockout blow with a five-run fourth.

Union used five pitch-

ers, who allowed a combined three hits while fanning six.

Akins and Brodi Elrod each worked 1.1 innings; Hudson McCarty went 2/3 of an inning; Patton and Gwynn each tossed 1/3 of an inning.

At the plate, Patton went 2-for-4 with a homer, two runs, and two RBIs. Rice scored three times on two walks and a single; Totherow finished 2-for-4 with a run and an RBI; Fleming homered and scored twice.

Elrod scored a run fol-



10U Baseball celebrates their District title. Photo/Todd Forrest

lowing an RBI single; Akins walked and scored; Beavers scored twice; McCarty singled; Dockrey walked, scored, and drove in one.

Cayden Gilliam walked; Brown was 1-for-1 with a walk and an RBI; Gwynn drew a walk.

UC 13, Clay County, NC 0 - Union County used five pitchers resulting in seven strikeouts and three hits allowed during a four-inning victory.

Totherow got the start, followed by Beavers, Elrod, Dockrey, and Davis.

At the plate, Davis smacked two doubles, tripled, scored three times, and knocked in a run.

Beavers doubled, scored

twice and drove in two; Dockrey tripled and scored to go with one RBI; Rice scored twice and drove in two; Totherow doubled, knocked in a pair, and scored twice; Akins was 1-for-3 with two RBIs and a run.

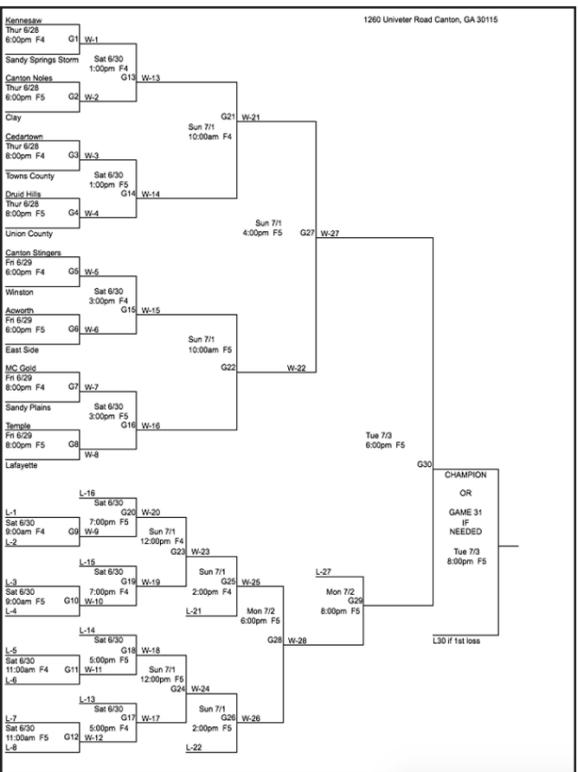
Brown was 1-for-2 with an RBI; Gilliam scored and Elrod walked.

The State Tournament gets underway Thursday in Canton when Union meets Druid Hills at 8 p.m.

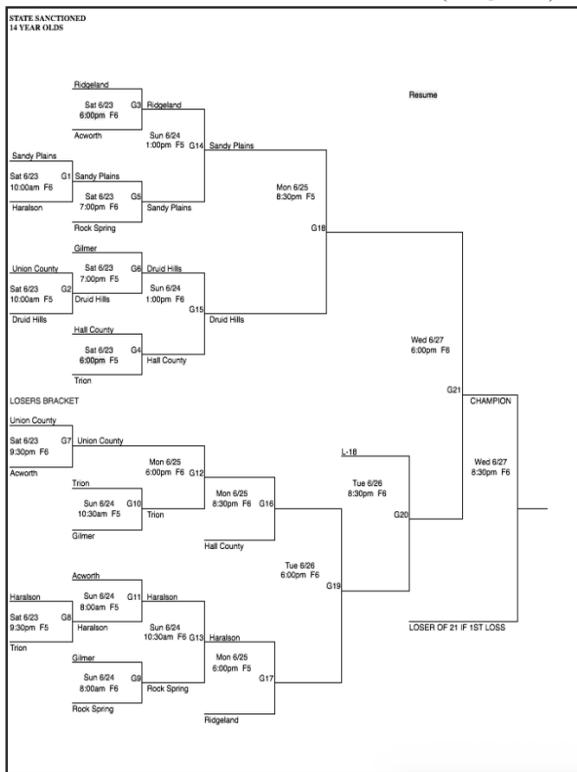
Win-or-lose, the next game will be Saturday at 9 a.m. (loss) or 1 p.m. (win).

The finals will be held on Tuesday, July 3 at 6 p.m. with the "if needed" game at 8 p.m.

10U Baseball State Tournament Brackets



14U Baseball State Tournament Brackets (as of June 25)



14U Baseball still alive at State

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ROSSVILLE - The Union County 14U Baseball team is hanging tough in the Dizzy Dean State Tournament despite dropping its first game on Saturday morning.

The Panthers were back in action Saturday at 9:30 p.m. where they outlasted Acworth to advance to Monday's contest with Trion.

A win vs Trion would re-

sult in a second game on Monday night, with Hall County -- who UC defeated at District -- awaiting Union in game two.

Should Union continue to survive and advance, they would need to win back-to-back games on Tuesday night to reach Wednesday's championship - where they would also need two wins.

More details will be available in next week's *North Georgia News*. For tournament brackets, visit dizzydeanga.org

Additional photos from Union County Recreation Department's Softball State Championships

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