



(above) Majors All-Star first baseman T.J. Duarte with a nice backhand grab; (below) Majors All-Star Clayton McCarthy drives in a run with this infield grounder



(above) Juniors Baseball All-Star Nate Cooper delivers a single in last week's District 7 Tournament; (below) Juniors All-Star third baseman Matt Paul is about to tag out a Red Mountain National baserunner at third



The Majors Baseball All-Stars (11 and 12-year-olds) from Apache Junction Little League included players Billy Apodaca, Shea Casarez, Audie Craig, T.J. Duarte, Prescott Horn, Trevor Kelley, Clayton McCarthy, Hunter Paul, Brian Ranft, Aharon Ritchey, Mario Romero, Michael Sampson and Sergio Villar and coaches David Ranft, Bob Horn and Adam Craig. They competed in the District 7 Tournament this past week at Countryside Park in Mesa and did a terrific job representing A.J.

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Ranft tossed the first four innings and recorded six strike outs while Aharon Ritchey came on in relief for the last two innings and struck out three batters.

Paul had the hot hand at the plate once again going 3-for-4 and was joined by Horn, who also had three hits in four trips.

The Majors All-Stars played terrific defense in their final game win over Red Mountain American led by a trio of catchers in Horn, Craig and Kelley.

Also playing for the Majors All-Stars was Billy Apodaca and the team was coached by David Ranft, Bob Horn and Adam Craig.

In the Juniors All-Stars final game against Red Mountain National, who went undefeated in tournament play, the Apache Junction All-Stars only had

five baserunners the entire game. Justin Schrader and Nate Cooper both reached base with a hit, Jordan Jewell and Eric Duarte each drew a base on balls and Cameron Herrera reached base via a defensive error.

Chris Parker, Skyler Bowen, Jewell and Matt Paul shared the pitching duties in the final game while Jewell at shortstop, Paul at third base, Bowen in right field, Herrera at first base, and Duarte at catcher, led the defense, each coming up with at least one defensive gem.

Also playing for the Juniors All-Stars were Cory Turner, Raymond Kimble and Kyler Garrison and the team was coached by Chris Herrera and Mike Chilson.



Majors Baseball All-Star Shea Casarez delivers a pitch to home plate during last week's District 7 Tournament played in Mesa

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