

## 2021 CA District 44 Major Division Tournament of Champions Game Summaries

Tuesday, June 15th

Majors TOC Game 3

Reported by Sean O'Connor

Teams: Cupertino A's (Visitors) vs. Santa Clara Briarwood Pirates (Home Team)

Final Score: Santa Clara Briarwood Pirates 11; Cupertino A's 10

Umpiring Crew: Russ Drews (Home Plate); Bob Harbeson (1st Base); Ryan Oliviera (3rd Base)

**Summary:** WHAT. A. GAME! Cupertino bats were hot, but Santa Clara Briarwood were, too. SC Briarwood put up some big runs in the first two innings but Cupertino, playing "small ball" initially, started to heat up. Defense was a bit sloppy on both sides, but good pitching on both sides of the field.

There was a funky play that resulted in a CUP run where the ball went into the 3rd base dugout (Occupied by Cupertino A's) that resulted in a run, but the umpires were on top of their game, led by Russ Drews.

In the top of the 6th the Cupertino A's were down 4 runs and started to get some huge hits. One hard hit gapper to right center hit a Moreland sponsors banner and BROKE THE TIE WRAP. Momentum was on the side of Cupertino.

Alas - with 2 on and 2 outs the last Cupertino batter was out and the game was over.

MVP of the game was Kai (see photo), who KEE-RUSHED two balls - both to left center - and finished 2-4 with a walk and caught a great game. Cupertino only fielded 9 players but kept pace. Tremendous ball players on both sides.



Tournament Level: Majors TOC Game # 2

Date: 6 / 15 / 2021

Played at: Serra Park, Sunnyvale

Host League: Sunnyvale

Reported by: Matthew Spangler

Score by Innings                    1 2 3 4 5 6 7                    R H E

Santa Clara West Blue Jays:    6 1 2 0 1 0                    10 13 0

Campbell Pirates:                    2 0 0 0 0 2                    4 6 0

Winning Pitcher: Isaiah Mendoza                    Pitches:35 Hits:3 K's: 2

Losing Pitcher: Tyler Huff                    Pitches:65 Hits:11 K's:2

Doubles: Santa Clara Westside Blue Jays: Ryan Wharton (two), Ricky Barrientos (three), Nico Mata (two),  
Isaiah Mendoza (one)

Doubles: Campbell Pirates: Tyler Huff (one)

Triples: None

Home Runs: Santa Clara West Blue Jays: Isaiah Mendoza (one HR left field)

Leading Hitters:

Santa Clara West Blue Jays: Ricky Barrientos (three doubles)and Isaiah Mendoza (one double  
and one homerun)

Campbell Pirates: Tyler Huff (one double)

Game Highlights:

Home Run by Ricky Barrientos of Santa Clara West. Santa Clara West hit eight doubles and one  
homerun.

Pitch Count Totals for Santa Clara Westside Pitchers:

Isaiah Mendoza 35 pitches

Jaden Anderson 29 pitches

Nico Mata 30 pitches

Ryan Wharton 27 pitches

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Majors TOC Game 6

Played at Campbell Little League and reported by Matthew Wise.

Moreland A's 16, Los Altos Nationals 2.

### **Five RBI Day for Jay K Brings Victory for Moreland LL Majors Athletics Over Los Altos LL Nationals**

The recap follows. I also have the link to the GameChanger summary (although I sort of suspect that's where the following narrative came from); please let me know if you also need it.

Jay K was bad news for opposing pitchers on Tuesday, driving in five on two hits to lead Moreland LL Majors Athletics past Los Altos LL Nationals 16-2 on Tuesday. Jay drove in runs on a double in the second, a home run in the second, and a groundout in the fourth.

Moreland LL Majors Athletics secured the victory thanks to 12 runs in the second inning. The offensive firepower by Moreland LL Majors Athletics was led by Jacob P, Colton S, Jay, Sona T, Josh K, and Jacob, who each had RBIs in the inning.

Moreland LL Majors Athletics opened up scoring in the first inning. Ty K drew a walk, scoring one run.

Moreland LL Majors Athletics notched 12 runs in the second inning. Moreland LL Majors Athletics's offense in the inning came from singles by Colton, Josh, and Jacob, doubles by Jay, Sona, and Colton, a home run by Jay, and an error on a ball put in play by Jacob.

Jay was on the hill for Moreland LL Majors Athletics. The righthander lasted two innings, allowing zero hits and zero runs while striking out six and walking zero.

Michael was on the mound for Los Altos LL Nationals. Michael went one inning, allowing two runs on zero hits and striking out two. Conor, Sean, and Anneliese each contributed in relief for Los Altos LL Nationals.

Moreland LL Majors Athletics socked one home run on the day. Jay put one out in the second inning.

Moreland LL Majors Athletics had 12 hits in the game. Josh, Jacob, Colton, Jay, and Sona all had multiple hits for Moreland LL Majors Athletics. Sona, Jay, Colton, Jacob, and Josh each collected two hits to lead Moreland LL Majors Athletics

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Date: 15-June-2021

Played At: Steve Carli Field

Host League: Westside Little League

Reported By: Curtis Allmon/Scott Thomas

Score By Innings:	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>LOB</u>
Sunnyvale	0	5	1	1	0	0	7	7	7
Sunnyvale Metro	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	6	3

Leading Hitters:

Sunnyvale- Luke Canabou: 2 hits including a double

Sunnyvale Metro: Jeremy Tao & Zach Hane: 2 hits

Highlights: It was the battle of Sunnyvale as the Sunnyvale Angels faced the Sunnyvale Metro Brewers.

The Angels struck first in the top of the second when they saw 5 runners cross the plate after a 1-2-3 first. The rally included hits by Luke Canabou, Damon Uyehara and a triple by Cooper Zuccato. They would add a run in each of the next 2 innings and coast to a 7-2 victory. The home team Brewers rallied for 2 runs in the third after a lead off walk by Justin Miller and singles by Jeremy Tao & Cleo Garino. That was all they would get although a comeback attempt was made in the sixth on hits by Jacob Leon & Hane but the visiting Angels were able to get the final out.

Majors TOC Game 7

Date: 6/17/2021

Hosted by: Los Altos Little League

Played at: Purissima Park

Reported by: Steve Apfelberg

The Santa Clara Westside Blue Jays and Santa Clara Briarwood Pirates faced off in a semifinal Major Division Tournament of Champions game at Purissima Park in Los Altos Hills this evening. The Pirates won the coin flip and chose to be the home team, and the Blue Jays selected the first base dugout. The Blue Jays' Nico Mata led off the game with a single to centerfield and #2 batter Ryan Wharton reached base on an error, but the Westside regular season champions weren't able to push a run across the plate. The Pirates came out hot at the plate in the bottom of the first inning, scoring six runs (Ryan Cabildo, Keisuke Fukynishi, Sammy Martinez, Kai Imahara, Matthew Ramirez, Jordan Stewart). Working with a six run lead, the Pirates' starting pitcher Kai Imahara delivered an impressive performance on the mound. He got through four innings on 58 pitches and only allowed three hits and one run, while striking out five and walking just one batter. The Pirates tacked on two runs in the second inning and three runs in the fourth to walk off with an 11-1 victory.

Darlo Walker and Isaiah Mendoza doubled for the Blue Jays. Sammy Martinez (single, double), Kai Imahara (two singles and a walk) and Josh Porda (single, double) each had two hits to pace the Pirates' offense.

Congratulations to the Santa Clara Westside Blue Jays for winning its league championship and for a successful season!

Congratulations to the Santa Clara Briarwood Pirates for winning its league championship and for advancing to the California Division 44 Little League Major Division Tournament of Champions championship game!

Date: 6/17/2021

Majors TOC Game #8

Hosted by Cupertino LL at Wilson Park and reported by: M. Kinoshita

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
Visiting Team: Moreland A's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Home Team: Sunnyvale Angels	1	0	1	0	0	x	2	4	0

Winning Pitcher: **Luke Canabou** 6 innings, 3 H, 0 BB, 15 K

Losing Pitcher: **Jay Kim** 5 innings, 4 H, 2 BB, 14 K

Leading Hitters:

Moreland A's: **Ty Keller** 1-3 / **Jay Kim** 1-3 / **Sona Takahashi** 1-2

Sunnyvale Angels: **Jerry Yang** 1-1, 2R, 2 BB / **Luke Canabou** 2-2, RBI / **Erik Kao** 1-2, RBI

Game Highlights: It was a scorcher today at Wilson Park (earlier daytime highs reached 100 degrees), but that didn't stop the Moreland A's and Sunnyvale Angels from putting on a fast-paced, hour and fifteen-minute baseball clinic. It was not a good day to be a bat, as the 29 combined strikeouts in today's contest provided welcome breezes for the fans under the trees beyond the center field fence.

14 of those strikeouts were authored by Moreland's **Jay Kim**, who tossed a very impressive 77-pitch complete game 4-hitter. Not to be outdone was Sunnyvale's **Luke Canabou**, who dominated the Moreland lineup by scattering 3 hits in a 77-pitch complete game shutout. He didn't walk a batter and notched 15 strikeouts of his own, never allowing a runner to reach third base.

The runs were scarce, but Sunnyvale used small ball to push their two runs across. In the first, **Jerry Yang** drew a leadoff walk and took third on a 2-out **Luke Canabou** opposite field single to RF. On the very next pitch, speedster **Erik Kao** utilized the element of surprise by dropping a bunt and beating out the throw to first on a bang-bang play, scoring **Jerry Yang**. The Halo's added another run in the third, as **Jerry Yang** again catalyzed the rally, this time reaching first on a line drive single to RF. Two outs later, **Luke Canabou** stepped to the plate and drove a ball deep to right center, while **Jerry Yang** easily beat the cutoff throw as he motored home all the way from first on the long single.

The second run represented insurance, as the pitching of **Luke Canabou** and stellar catching by battery mates **Eric Tang** and **Erik Kao** kept the scrappy Moreland team off the board.

Congratulations to both teams for playing an error-free TOC game!