

## Sunday At the Ballpark

Souderton Area Baseball League's 11 and 12 year old boys came out in full swing for the Majors All Star Game on Sunday night. The community packed the stands once again to see what their local boys could do in this friendly game of the best talent in the Majors.

Head coach of the Red team, Eugene Herold said of the game, "I think the best part of the game was that the crowd (and we had a great crowd) got to see a little bit of everything: Some great pitching, great hitting, and some really nice fielding. It was a pleasure coaching the Red Team, since you could sense that they were all excited to be there, and were a great bunch of kids."

The Red team came out strong in the first inning with Tyler McCarter making plays at first in the top, and Levi Brunner earning an RBI with his triple before going on to score from a base hit by Dylan Morrissette. They opened the lead 8-0 in the bottom of the second with solid base hitting.

Head coach Jack O'Leary's Blue team answered back in the bottom of the third when Aaron Gulibon struck out three straight batters and went on to hit a single and score on Derek Cassel's ground out, getting the Blues on the scoreboard in the top of the fourth. The Reds continued solid base hitting in the bottom to go ahead four more, and Ty Kuhns covered first base efficiently in the top of the fifth to keep the Blues at bay. The younger Jack O'Leary caught a pop up as catcher in the bottom of the fifth to help close the inning and went on to walk and then score in the top of the sixth. Tyler Molina pitched a competent bottom half, striking out three while allowing only one walk.

Cassel advanced the Blues once again in the top of the seventh by stealing home, and they held the Reds again with outs in the field in the bottom. Erik Ellis scored Jordan Hay in the top of the eighth with an infield pop up that made it through the Red gloves. The Reds climbed again in the bottom with a single by Brendan Giampa, who went four for five in the game, loading the bases on a single. Austin Eberhart caught two fly balls at second base during the inning, but the Reds still pressed forward with walk in scores and RBIs.

The Blues rallied in the top of the ninth to gain some ground, and they found it with David "Coco" Straub's over the fence home run, earning 2 RBIs. Clayton Masarjian of the Reds managed a force out at second base for the second out, but the Blues continued to forge ahead and gain two more RBIs and a walk in score. Matt Koffel pitched the final strike out to end the game Reds 19, Blues 9.

Coach O'Leary, still smiling even after the loss, said, "It was great to see the kids stay so excited all the way to the end of the game. We came to have fun and play our best, and I definitely think we accomplished that."