

Greensboro Teams Take Titles At Inner City Classic

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Greensboro, NC-- The Greensboro R&B Aggies won the 19-and-under division while the Greensboro Bison took the 16-and-under crown during the Metropolitan Junior Baseball League (MJBL) national championships Sunday in Greensboro, NC. The Aggies, winners for the second straight year, breezed by Oakland's Team Cali 15-5 and the Bison eased past the Bronx Dodgers 7-4.

The Aggies were powered by the bat of DeSean Anderson, who drove in five runs. In the first inning, Anderson put Greensboro ahead when he drove in a run with a hard single up the middle. He added a two-run, ground-rule double that skipped over the left field wall in the fourth inning. Anderson, who will take his skills to the University of South Carolina this season, smashed a triple to **drive** in two more runs in the fifth inning. Casey Jones smacked a solo home run over the right field fence in the fifth to aid the Aggie assault. Quentin Scales pitched all five innings, striking out three and allowing just four hits. Jones is on his way to Elon and Scales was recruited by Shaw. Eric Kimber, headed for North Carolina Central, and Tevin Neal to UNC, both drove in runs with singles in the fourth. "The back-to-back championships are really neat and our program will benefit greatly as the kids aspire to play on this team," beamed head coach Ray Crawford. "I am so emotional right now because I have had these kids for six years and now they are all leaving me for college careers. This is what the MJBL is all about and I am so proud these players could go out winners. Greensboro is my hometown and it feels good to win it all in our own back yard."

Jerry Brown triggered the Bison attack with a two-run triple in the fourth and a one-run double in the seventh to secure the win. The winning pitcher was D.J. Reader, who allowed two runs on five hits and he struck out three. "Winning the championship means the world to our kids and especially after coming in second last year," said Bison head coach James Baynes. "It is very gratifying, we worked really hard and the kids wanted it. This tournament is great for our young people because they get a chance to meet and compete against traveling teams from across the country."