



MJBL 2019 baseball championships conclude, Greensboro, Baltimore, Richmond and Bahamas take titles

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Richmond, VA – The Metropolitan Junior Baseball League (MJBL) concluded its 29th annual Inner City Classic national baseball championships Sunday at RF&P Park Stadium. In the first game, the Rattlers of Baltimore won the 16-and-under age group, defeating the Bowie Elite Blacksox 13-4. Alex McCoy blasted a grand slam home run highlighting the win for Baltimore, coached by Dominic Peters and Stoney Briggs.

In the closing game Sunday, the Greensboro (NC) Bison breezed by the Monte Irvin (NJ) Giants 14-8 for the 19-and-under championship. Bison coach James “JB” Baynes stated, “Our team came together from day one of the tournament, focused and on a mission.” He sang the praises of Anthony Alejandro, who on Saturday in an 11-3 win over the Richmond Blue Sox, had 13 strikeouts while allowing just one hit and the three runs. In the championship game, he was credited with the save after striking out three batters in 1.2 innings. His twin brother Andrew is the catcher and in that game, he went 2-3 with a double, batted in two runs and stole an amazing eight bases. Andrew also pitched an inning but Michael Teague got the win.

On Saturday in an offensive explosion, MJBL’s Henrico Stars slipped by the New Orleans Monarchs 14-13 to take the 14-and-under title at RF&P. The number of

hits uncannily matched the score, but it was a walk in the bottom of the seventh and last inning that solidified the victory. Dominant Turner, who drew the winning walk, also batted in a run in the third along with Jorden Olivera and Terrence Rhodes doing the same. Rhodes, who led Henrico with three stolen bases, was also the winning pitcher striking out six and allowing two hits in three innings.

The Stars, coached by Darryl Husband, took an early lead in the first inning when PJ Chandler singled in two runs. New Orleans stayed in the game, scoring five runs in the second inning. “The MJBL Henrico Stars 14-under saw the ball well today racking up those 14 hits,” beamed Husband. “Rhodes, Olivera, Chandler, Turner and Darryl Husband all managed multiple hits in the game.”

In the ten-under, Freedom Farm Baseball of the Bahamas blanked the D.C. Grays 13-0. Head Coach C.J. McKenzie said his team went 4-0 and was powered by pitcher Amare Burrows, who won two games, and Mario Dean and Trae adding one each.

While open to everyone, MJBL continues to be the only national youth league geared toward inner city African-American athletes.

2019 MJBL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS- RICHMOND, VA

19-and-under

Greensboro (NC) 14, Monte Irvin (NJ) 8

16-and-under

Baltimore 13, , Bowie (MD) 4

14-and-under

Richmond 14, New Orleans 13

10-and-under

Bahamas 13, DC Grays 0

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