



# BLIZZARD

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### CURRENT NEWS

### DATES TO SAVE

## CHAMPIONSHIPS, A HR DERBY BELT, LAUGHES AND MEMORIES AS SPRING COMES TO A CONCLUSION

The Blizzard Spring season concluded this past weekend and to say it was unlike any other would be an understatement. In discussion with owner Adam Barta this past year marked the first time in program history the first practice outside took place after the first spring tournament. Yes, you read that right out of the 10 practices each team



*14U Black Casey Morris celebrates with teammates after Grand Slam takes 6-3 lead in Midwest Mayhem*

had only the final practice outside due to the weather. Even though the boys were battling obstacles they had no control over it was a very successful spring. The entire club finished 34-16-3 between nine teams spread across six age groups ranging from 9U up to 14U.

In the CIS Tournament of Champions mother nature did her best to interfere with the weekend. After a complete cancellation of games on April 22nd due to wind the tournament put together a modified schedule for Sunday. All teams would play two pool games and a few even had a third game. TIU Blue scrapped their way to 10-9 victory in the opening game and

followed with a 10-0 win vs. Northstar. The 2-0 start would put them in the Championship versus MASH where they would fall 12-6. A great start to the spring with a second-place finish and a ring. 12U Blue would run the table to 3-0 on the weekend and claim a ring outscoring the opponents 38-13. In 13U both blue and black went 2-0, however a third game was not provided in this division. In the 14U division the teams were put into separate 8 team pools. 14 Blue would go 1-1 and claim the third-place game to finish 2-1 on the weekend. 14 Black managed two comebacks with both ending in a tie! The 0-0-2 record earned them a spot in the 3rd place game where they won 9-7 against the team they tied in their opening game of the tournament.



*The Champ is here! Congrats Miles*

CIS Midwest Mayhem NIT took place this past weekend and although it was cold, rainy, and extremely windy the entire tournament was played. 12U would continue their hot streak by running the table, earning the 1 seed in pool play and dominating the competition in bracket play. The team finished 7-0 on the spring with 2 titles while hitting .524 as a team. Not only did the team dominate but on Friday night Miles Tomaszewski competed in the 12U homerun derby put on by Easton. Miles would hit 25 homeruns in three rounds and his amazing hitting continued over the weekend where he hit a sizzling .824 (14/17)! Congrats Miles and his 12U teammates on a dominate spring!



*Coach Farmer (left) returned to action after a year away (baby) and enjoyed a weekend with Coaches Lufkin (middle) and Sanchez (right)*

The 14U Blue team used some clutch hitting, defense, pitching and a little luck to escape four 1-run games in route to going 5-0 and claiming the Chip in what marked their last spring tournament in a Blizzard uniform! Jackson Kolb was on

fire all weekend in every facet of the game. He dominated at the plate, played amazing shortstop, and did his job on the mound in awful conditions on Saturday. Teammates Mitch Pierscalla and Kason Nuehring each homered on the weekend. Aiden Connelly always found himself part of the winning play whether it was scoring the winning run, catching the last out or having a clutch hit. The final play of the tournament after the Columbus Mariners tied the game in the top of the 6th was RJ Madison smashing a double to the fence to score Connelly to secure the win 11-10.



All the teams in the program had some amazing moments and big plays throughout the weekend. The look on Casey Morris face when he hit a go-ahead Grand Slam in 14U Black's first pool game was unlike any other. The boys whether on 9U all the way up to 14U all play for each other and celebrate each other's achievements as a group. The spring, although quick was a great steppingstone of things to come this summer for boys playing Blizzard or returning to their respective association teams. The group finished 34-16-3, a .641 winning percentage and a list of the spring statistical leaders is attached. The summer season will kick off on May 12-14th in the May Classic.

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14U goes 5-0 at Midwest Mayhem



13U goes 4-0 at Midwest Mayhem

## Spring Statistical Leaders

<b>Record 7-1</b>	
<b>14U Blue Batting</b> Jackson Kolb (.500 – 6/12; 3 doubles, 6 RBI, 6 runs) Aiden Connelly (.476 – 10/21; 2B, 14 runs, 11 SB) Mitch Pierscalla (.474 – 9/19; 2B, HR, 6 RBI, 8 runs)	<b>14U Blue Pitching</b> Jackson Kolb – 3 IP, 1 hit, 0 ER, 2 K's Kason Nuehring – 9.1 IP, 11 K's Parker Reckin – 8 IP, 8 K's
<b>Record 2-2-2</b>	
<b>14U Black Batting</b> Henry Braun – (.643 – 9/14, 6 RBI, 5 runs) Joey Setter – (.636 – 6/11; 2B, 6 runs) Casey Morris – (.600 – 9/15, HR, 7 RBI)	<b>14U Black Pitching</b> Joey Setter – 6.1 IP, 3 ER, 5 K's Grady Swenson – 6 IP, 2 ER
<b>Record 5-1</b>	
<b>13U Blue Batting</b> Jude Heyer – (.750 – 12/16, 3 doubles, 3B, 11 RBI) Micah Feldman – (.643 – 9/14; 2B, 9 runs scored) Zariel Gonzalez – (.588 – 10/17, 2B, 2 triples)	<b>13U Blue Pitching</b> Raymond Corless – 6 IP, 1 ER, 13 K's Jude Heyer – 5.1 IP, 4 hits, 0 ER, 1 BB, 12 K's Vinny Bohle – 4 IP, 2 ER, 9 K's
<b>Record 5-1</b>	
<b>13U Black Batting</b> Bowen Jarombek – (.667– 6/9, 2 triples, 12 runs, 7 BB) Corbin Guggisberg – (.545 – 6/11, 3 doubles, 9 RBI) Carter Daluge – (.500 – 7/14, 3 doubles, 9 RBI)	<b>13U Black Pitching</b> Mason Fenwick – 5.1 IP, 11 K's Nick Corbett – 5 IP, 2 ER, 6 K's Bowen Jarombek – 5 IP, 2 ER, 7 K's
<b>Record 7-0</b>	
<b>12U Blue Batting</b> Miles Tomaszewski – (.824– 14/17, 5 (2B), HR, 12 RBI, 10 runs) Cashton Gray – (.700 – 7/10, 4 doubles, 8 runs) Hank Appert – (.615 – 8/13, 2B, 6 RBI, 7 runs)	<b>12U Blue Pitching</b> Miles Tomaszewski – 9 IP, 4 hits, 1 ER, 1 BB, 14 K's Kelton Foster – 6.1 IP, 4 ER, 11 K's  <b>TEAM BATTING AVERAGE - .524!!!</b>
<b>Record 5-2</b>	
<b>11U Blue Batting</b> Makoy Short – (.538– 7/13, 2B, 10 runs) Easton Lutteke – (.429 – 6/14, 4 doubles, 3B, 10 runs) Grady Schutz – (.400 – 8/20, 2B, 11 RBI)	<b>13U Black Pitching</b> Easton Lutteke – 7 IP, 1 ER, 2 BB, 7 K's Rhett Simmons – 7 IP, 4 ER, 3 K's
<b>Record 0-4-1</b>	
<b>11U Black Batting</b> Riley Jukich – (.444– 4/9, 2B, 3 RBI, 4 runs) Luke Olsen – (.300 – 3/10, 3 doubles, 5 runs)	<b>11U Black Pitching</b> Wyatt Gutzman – 4.1 IP, 6 K's Luke Olsen – 3.2 IP, 5 K's
<b>Record 1-4</b>	
<b>10U Blue Batting</b> Jordy Swenson – (.600– 3/5, 2 triples, 2 RBI, 4 runs) Luca Cогnetta – (.600 – 3/5, 2 doubles, 3 RBI, 5 runs) Declan Doherty – (.600 – 3/5, HR, 2 RBI, 2 runs)	<b>***Stats for Mayhem Tourney only</b> <b>10U Black Pitching</b> Declan Doherty – 4 IP, 1 ER, 4 K's Jayce Everson – 2 IP, 1 ER, 4 K's
<b>Record 2-1</b>	
<b>9U Blue Batting</b> Tristan Fearing – (.833– 5/6, 2B, 4 RBI, 4 runs) Will Roach – (.750 – 3/4, 2 RBI, 2 runs, 3 BB, 1 HBP) Collin LaRue – (.750 – 3/4, 2B, 2 RBI, 4 runs)	<b>***played in Mayhem Tourney only</b> <b>9U Blue Pitching</b> Joseph McMahon – 4 IP, 2 hits, 1 ER, 1 BB, 8 K's Collin LaRue – 2 IP, 2 hits, 1 ER, 5 K's





**2023-2024 Blizzard Tryouts - Fall/Elite Season (August 1 - January 1) - Register Today!!!**

**Tryout Location - Rich Valley Baseball Complex: 1841 105th Street E, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077**

**Additional information about the tryout process and what to expect can be found on the Blizzard Website - [mnba.blizzardelitebaseball.com](http://mnba.blizzardelitebaseball.com)**



## **Important Tryout Dates**

June 19 (9 am) 9U-12U

June 20 (9 am) 13U

June 26/27 (9 am) 14U

June 28/29 (9 am) 15U

June 30 - RAINOUT DATE

July 10th (8 am) 2024, 2025, 2026 Tryouts

July 11/12 - 2024, 2025, 2026 call back games