

## **Mite Boys Wrap-Up Tournament A Huge Hit!**

As a coach teaching young children a new sport, the majority of time is spent teaching and developing basic softball fundamentals. All coaches and teams worked on throwing, catching, base running and hitting. Most players were unsure of their positions and what to do if the ball was hit to them! As the season progressed the change was incredible. All players started to understand the game and what to do in most situations! Basic skills improved dramatically and players started catching pop flies, throwing out base runners and making good defensive decisions with the ball. At the same time, offensive skills improved as well. Players were learning to “swing through” the ball and make some solid contact!

On Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>, the boy’s mite “Wrap-Up” tournament began. Players and coaches from all teams were excited to begin a weekend of softball. All four teams had come a long way toward understanding the game and developing skills that allowed for some great plays that weekend! All games were played very well and proud parents and family members cheered on their teams.

On Sunday, two games were left to play. The first game featured the Grey Co-operators team vs. the Maroon Oafa team. A close competitive game was played with the Grey Co-operators team coming out on top by just 2 runs.

The final game of the season was between the Purple Oafa and the Blue Orleans Cumberland Phone Book. Both teams had played very well all weekend and the last game was no exception. The score went back and forth, until the last inning. The Blue team was down by two runs and needed to rally to win. With some timely hitting, the Blue Cumberland Phone Book came from behind to win the game by a final score of 11-10.

On behalf of all the coaches and league conveners, I would like to congratulate everyone on a fun and exciting season. Softball is a great game that teaches our children so much! Being part of a team, learning to work together toward a common goal, making friendships that last beyond the playing field are only a few of the many benefits that come naturally with this sport. I personally enjoyed the experience and am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Birthday Picnic and All-Star game on August 20<sup>th</sup>!

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