Lafayette All-Stars manhandle Walnut Creek's finest

By Zack Farmer

n the first round of the California District 4 10-11 Division, the Lafayette Baseball All-Stars won in convincing fashion over Walnut Creek 11-0. The mercy rule was imposed in the bottom of the fourth inning when shortstop Zach Remotto lined a triple down the rightfield line to score two runs.

Lafavette and Walnut Creek were tied in the bottom of the first when a ball hit by Denis Karas sailed over the head of the Walnut Creek rightfielder and allowed AJ Franklin to score putting Lafayette up 1-0.

In the top of the second inning with a runner on first, Walnut Creek tried to get the offense started and attempted to steal second but was thwarted by catcher Tyler Luckhurst who threw a strike to Remotto to tag out the runner and end the inning.

The offense broke out in the bottom of the third inning when Lafayette exploded for seven runs. The turning point was a bases loaded single by Franklin to centerfield which skipped under the centerfielder's glove which allowed all three runners to score on the play. The single pushed the lead to 6-0 and out of reach of Walnut Creek.

Five consecutive batters



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reached base that inning, all of which scored.

Lafavette head coach Phil Remotto said, "They hadn't played a game in a couple of weeks and they came out hitting."

Despite the 11 runs scored, it was the pitching performance of Karas that stole the show. Karas pitched all four innings, allowing his only hit in the first inning while striking out eight batters. He struck

out the side twice.

The Lafayette All-Stars are in the International Tournament in California District 4. This is the first step towards the Little League World Series. In District 4, five wins are needed to win the district.

With the win last Thursday, Lafayette moved on to play Alameda on Monday. Results are online at http://eteamz.active.com/California4/handouts/.



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