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Orinda 9U All-Star Team Wins Bigtimer Baseball Tournament

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Bottom, from left: Luke Holden, Tyler Akel, Grant Kurtz, Gian Maguire. Kneeling, from left: Preston Rguem, Kobe Wong, Luke Milmoe; standing: Jason Wong (coach), Archer Eames, Anderson Butner, Marc Leibowitz (coach), Charlie Watters, Ethan Yu, Tarik Rguem (coach), David Leibowitz Photo Haidee Wong The Orinda 9U All-Star team defeated the Blossom Valley (San Jose) Mustang All-Stars, 15-0, to win the Bigtimer Baseball 2016 Memorial Day Tournament in Santa Cruz on May 30.

Strong pitching, consistent hitting and stingy defense propelled Orinda to victory over an impressive field of travel and all-star teams from Sacramento, the East Bay, the Peninsula and the South Bay. The All-Stars went 4-1 over the weekend, outscoring their opponents 31-2 in the semi-final and final games against Hard 90 Pound Premier and Blossom Valley. Archer Eames and Grant Kurtz starred on the mound, while David Leibowitz, Luke Milmoe and Tyler Akel led the offensive charge and Preston Rguem, Kobe Wong, and Anderson Butner anchored the defense. Ethan Yu, Charlie Watters, Luke Holden, and Gian Maguire also contributed key hits and stolen bases.

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