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“I’m really looking forward to it,” Orioles manager Brandon Hyde said. “I know just watching it on TV how much fun it looks like players have, and the interaction with the kids. Obviously, Williamsport is something we all dreamed about as kids trying to get there and play in the Little League World Series. I’ve never been there. To go there and experience that and meet everybody up there, and to play on Sunday Night Baseball in that kind of environment is going to be a really cool experience.

“It’s something that I always wanted to do as a kid. You grow up watching it on ABC, and it’s something where you’re trying to get there as a kid. We fell a little short, but obviously it’s something that’s a really, really cool thing. Americana.”

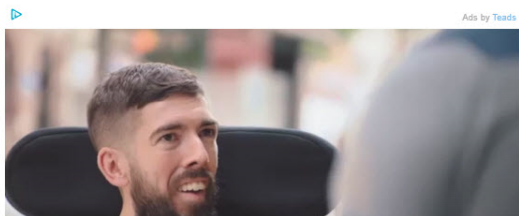
The series began in 2017 with a game between the St. Louis Cardinals and Pittsburgh Pirates, and featured the New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies last year. The Pirates and Chicago Cubs will meet in this year’s game Aug. 18.



New York Mets' Todd Frazier takes his place along the third baseline after being introduced before the Little League Classic baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies at Bowman Field in Williamsport, Pa., Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018. (Gene J. Puskar / AP)

“Participating in next year’s Little League Classic is a tremendous honor for our club,” Orioles executive vice president/general manager Mike Elias said in a statement. “Our entire organization is deeply committed to growing the game at all levels, and to celebrating the invaluable life lessons learned through youth baseball. As a Little League Baseball alumnus myself, I look forward to visiting Williamsport as we come together to share the game of baseball with the next generation.”

“Connecting with the next generation has been a critical part of Commissioner [Rob] Manfred’s agenda over the past several years and we are thrilled to participate in next seasons Little League Classic that directly connects Major League players with Little Leaguers,” Red Sox president/CEO Sam Kennedy said in a statement. “We look forward to spending time with the next generation of fans and playing in the intimate setting of Historic Bowman Field filled with Little Leaguers and their families.”





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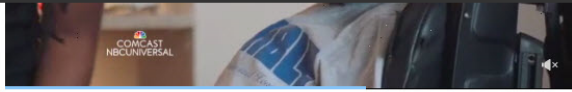
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MLB announced the Orioles will be the hosts for the game. Typically, tickets are reserved for the Little League World Series teams and local Little League participants in the Williamsport area.

And while there's a long way between now and next August, Hyde joked that there's a lot of pressure on his 11-year-old son, Colton, to be playing in it when he's eligible.

"He'll be playing as a 12-year-old next year, so you never know," Hyde said. "It's a team sport, though, so you've got to be surrounded by some good players, also."

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Jon Meoli is the Orioles beat writer for the Baltimore Sun. He moved to the baseball beat in 2016 after two years covering the Ravens, and began his career in newspapers at the Towson Times in 2011. A Connecticut native, Jon coaches the women's ice hockey team at his alma mater, Loyola University Maryland, and aims to maintain a mid-teens handicap.

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# Hawaii beats Virginia in Little League World Series, advances to U.S. final

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South Riding, Virginia's Chase Obstgarten, left, is tagged out attempting to steal home by Wailuku, Hawaii's Duke Aloy, center, with umpire Matthew Bingaman moving into position to make the call, during the third inning of an baseball game at the Little League World Series tournament in South Williamsport, Pa., today. Hawaii won 12-9.

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Central East Maui moved into Saturday's U.S. championship game of the Little League World Series by beating South Riding, Va., 12-9 today in Williamsport, Pa.

Maui will play the winner of Thursday's game between Virginia and Louisiana for the right to meet in Sunday's final of the Little League World Series. Japan advanced to the final on the International side of the bracket. The Japanese kids will play the winner of Thursday's South Korea-Curacao matchup on Saturday as well.

First pitch for the United States game will be at 9:30 a.m HST.

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Despite blowing a six-run lead, reliever Bransyn Hong came in to stop the bleeding with two outs in the third. He went the rest of the way giving up one run on one hit in 3 1/3 innings of relief. There were a total of 21 runs scored on 21 hits with nine errors and 290 pitches thrown in the marathon affair.

For the third straight game, the Maui kids struck early and often thanks in part to some suspect pitching by starter Justin Lee and reliever Liam Thyen, who gave up a combined five runs on two hits, uncorked three wild pitches, hit two batters and walked another two in the first inning.

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Maui got things started on a fielder's choice to Bransyn Hong, who went to second after Jaren Pascual was hit by a pitch. Hong scored on a single to right by Nakea Kahalehau. It was the first hit given up by Virginia in the World Series and it did some damage, scoring Hong easily from second. The throw from right-fielder Michael Bowden to get Hong was high, allowing Kahalehau to go into second and Pascual to score to give Wailuku a 2-0 lead.

It kept building from there as Logan Kuloloia drew a one-out walk as he and Kahalehau moved up one bag on a wild pitch by Lee. And then another wild pitch scored Kahalehau and allowed Kuloloia to take third. Meanwhile, Kaleb Mathias got hit by a pitch to put men at first and third for pinch hitter Shiloh Gilliland. All he did was clear the bases with a double to right-center to give Maui a 5-0 advantage.

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Virginia had a mild threat in the bottom half of the second. After the first two batters went down, the next three got on base, sending Brady Yates to the plate with the sacks full. He looked at a called third strike on a beautiful backdoor curve to keep the score at 6-2 after two. Maui plated two more runs on a wild pitch by reliever Chase Obstgarten with the bases loaded that scored Marley Sebastian.

Lee, who was now the catcher, compounded things making a bad throw at the plate trying to get Sebastian. That allowed Nashiwa to come around to score from second as Maui now led 8-2 heading into the bottom of the third. But back came Virginia with six runs of its own as 12 batters went to the plate against starting pitcher Kaedyn Miyake-Matsubayashi and the dam opened up as Virginia showed why it was unbeaten coming into this critical game.



Nashiwa struggled as a reliever before Hong came in to get the final out with the score tied at 8-8. Miyake-Matsubayashi went 2 1/3 innings, giving up six runs on five hits, four earned. He struck out three and walked one. Nashiwa got only one out giving up two runs on two hits. He walked one and struck out two.

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So, now it was Maui's turn in the top of the fourth against Brady Yates, the fourth Virginia pitcher. And once again the local boys did some damage, scoring a run on an RBI-single to left by Gilliland to make it 9-8. The clutch hit scored Kahalehau from third after he opened the fourth with a double to left.

Maui kept up the pressure by getting the first two batters on in the fifth holding that one-run lead. Imamura yanked a single to left and then went to second on a walk to Hong. Both runners came in to score on a double by Pascual that extended Maui's lead to 11-8. It went to 12-8 on an error at short on a routine grounder by Kuloloia.

Virginia came right back getting its first two batters on in the fifth. But Hong got Obstgarten to line out to second, Yates to pop out to short before Lee walked to load the bases. Up stepped Hicks, who hit into a fielder's choice to end Virginia's last threat.

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# Williamsport Bound: ESPN's Little League Coverage Heats Up at the 73rd Little League Baseball World Series

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**New Events this Year Include T-Mobile Little League Home Run Derby, Kidscast featuring Mo'ne Davis**

**Onsite SportsCenter, Baseball Tonight Telecasts During the Eleven-Day Tournament**

ESPN's record-breaking coverage of Little League moves ahead as Williamsport, Pa. prepares to welcome the 16 qualifying teams for the Little League Baseball World Series starting August 15 on **ESPN, ESPN2, ABC**. Regional games continue this week with 12 straight hours of regional semifinal and championship games Thursday, Friday and Saturday on **ESPN**.

Tuesday and Wednesday night, there will be MLB and Little League World Series doubleheaders as the New York Yankees face the Oakland Athletics at 10 p.m. ET both nights following the 7:30 p.m. Little League World Series games on **ESPN**.

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**T-Mobile Little League Home Run Derby Championship**

The top youth sluggers from across the country will compete in the first-ever *T-Mobile Little League Home Run Derby Championship*, which airs August 18 at 4:30 p.m. on **ESPN** as part of nearly a full day of Little League and Major League Baseball on the network. Since May, boys and girls from leagues across the country have been competing to qualify for the baseball and softball *T-Mobile Little League Home Run Derby* in local and regional competitions. While their teams might not be in the Little League World Series, the players that qualify will travel to Williamsport to compete in the baseball and softball editions of the *T-Mobile Little League Home Run Derby Championship*.

**Innovation Around the Game**

**ESPN** is bringing more exciting coverage to the Little League World Series by adding new and innovative production surrounding the events. For the first time, **ESPN's** Little League World Series coverage from Williamsport will be produced in 1080p. Every game at Lamade Stadium will also have 4D replay surrounding the games, giving viewers 360-degree replays of the players as they swing for the fences. The last four days of the tournament will feature Umpire Cam, which highlights the unique perspective of plays from the vantage point of the umpire.

**Kidscast**

Wednesday, August 21 at 7:30 p.m. ET, **ESPN2** will have a special Kidscast alternative experience. Aspiring broadcasters recruited from the Bruce Beck Sports Broadcasting Camp at Iona College will call Game 24 in the U.S. Winner's Bracket. Sixteen-year-olds Eddie Kalegi and Aiden Blanc will be providing play-by-play in the booth as 15-year-old reporters Zoe Alter and Rahill Jaiswal are on the sidelines. Little League trailblazer **Mo'ne Davis**, the 2014 Little League Baseball World Series pitching sensation, will make her return to Williamsport and have a hand in the telecast as an analyst. A traditional broadcast of the game will simultaneously broadcast on **ESPN**.

**SportsCenter & Baseball Tonight**

**ESPN** is adding additional onsite coverage in Williamsport for the Little League World Series with **SportsCenter** and **Baseball Tonight**. **SportsCenter** will be onsite at Williamsport August 18-22 with the **hill-sliding, suit ruining Kevin Negandhi** hosting. **Baseball Tonight** shows per day originating from Williamsport through much of the tournament, with **Kevin Connors** hosting alongside **Tim Kurkjian** throughout the week with support from a variety of Little League analysts.

**SportsCenter on Snapchat** will be at the Little League World Series, with host **Gary Striewski** onsite hosting the August 24-26 shows.

**Baseball Tonight** will be onsite from Historic Bowman Field August 18 with **Baseball Tonight: Sunday Night Countdown presented by Chevrolet** preceding the **MLB Little League Classic presented by GEICO** on **ESPN**. **Karl Ravech** will host alongside **Mark Teixeira** and **Kurkjian**.

The programming schedule for **SportsCenter** and **Baseball Tonight** is below:

Date	Time (ET)	Telecast and Hosts	Network
Sun, Aug 18	5:30-7:00 p.m.	<i>Baseball Tonight: Sunday Night Countdown presented by Chevrolet</i> Karl Ravech, Mark Teixeira, Tim Kurkjian	ESPN
Mon, Aug 19	5:00-6:00 p.m.	<i>Baseball Tonight from the Little League World Series</i> Kevin Connors and Tim Kurkjian	ESPN
Mon, Aug 19	6:00-7:00 p.m.	<i>SportsCenter from the Little League World Series</i> Kevin Negandhi	ESPN
Mon, Aug 19	10:00-11:00 p.m.	<i>Baseball Tonight from the Little League World Series</i> Kevin Connors and Tim Kurkjian	ESPN2
Tue, Aug 20	5:00-7:00 p.m.	<i>SportsCenter</i> Kevin Negandhi	ESPN





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Tue, Aug 20	5:00-7:00 p.m.	SportsCenter Kevin Negandhi	ESPN
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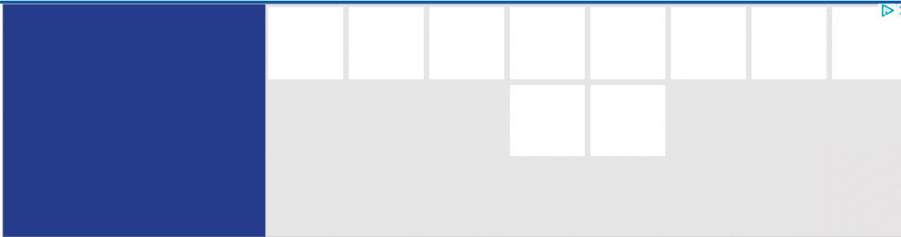
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## Eastbank blasts Virginia in shutout, advances to U.S. final of Little League World Series



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River Ridge, La.'s Conner Perrot (9) is surrounded by teammates after driving in the 10th run of the game, during the fifth inning of the team's baseball game against South Riding, Va., at the Little League World Series in South Williamsport, Pa., Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019. River Ridge, Louisiana won 10-0. (AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

Gene J. Puskar



**SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa.** — It is becoming unwise to pitch to Reece Roussel.

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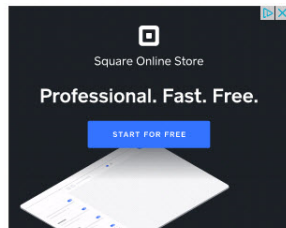


The slugger for Eastbank Little League entered Thursday night's game at the Little League World Series as the tournament's top hitter. And he showed why.

Roussel was 4-for-4 with three doubles and a grand slam to help lead the team of little leaguers from River Ridge past Virginia 10-0 and into the U.S. championship game.

**Watch: Reece Roussel hits grand slam in Little League World Series, propels Eastbank to U.S. final**

Roussel doubled in his first at-bat and connected with a similar shot to lead off the third inning. He advanced on an error in the third when Connor Perrot drove a chippy ground ball to shortstop that was misplayed and allowed Roussel to reach third. He didn't stay there long as Gavin Berry hit a ball to short to drive Roussel home.



The run meant Virginia fell behind for the second straight game after posting back-to-back no-hitters to open the tournament.

In the fourth inning, Roussel left little doubt to the outcome as he lifted the first pitch of his at-bat over the left-field fence for a grand slam.

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The shot gave Eastbank a 5-0 advantage on Virginia, which was representing Southeast region.


The offense kept producing for Eastbank as Ryder Planchard later added an RBI single. Gavin Berry opened on a ball to drive it into left field for another RBI double and Eastbank managed to extend its league to seven runs in the fourth inning as it batted through the order.

Roussel hit his third double in the fifth and Eastbank scored two more runs to force the 10-run-rule and advance to the U.S. championship.



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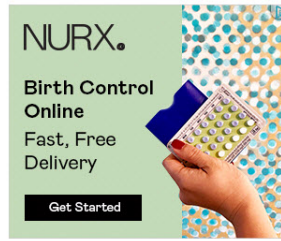
The offensive outburst might have overshadowed a terrific effort on the mound from Marshall Louque, who struck out five of the first six batters he faced.

Louque was named the starter the night before the game and didn't disappoint, facing just one batter over the minimum through three innings.

He hit Liam Thyen in the second inning, but that would be the only baserunner Virginia would get as Louque in the first three frames.

Eastbank manager Scott Frazier said after the team's win Wednesday that he wanted to see his relievers substitutes step up for the team. Alton Shorts and Jeffrey Curtis answered the call Thursday, opening the fourth inning with singles.

Eastbank advances to the U.S. final of the Little League World Series where it will face Hawaii on Saturday. The two teams faced each other to open the series, with Hawaii winning 5-2. If Eastbank is able to exact revenge, it would advance the winner of Japan and Curacao in the series championship Sunday night.



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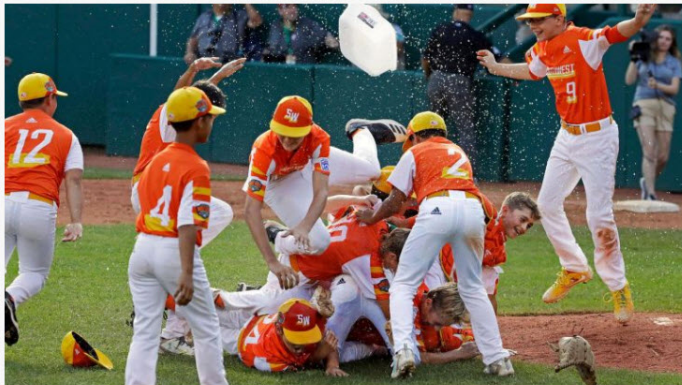
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# Little League World Series 2019



River Ridge, Louisiana, celebrates a win over Curacao in the Little League World Series Championship game in South Williamsport, Pa., Sunday. Credit: AP/Gene J. Puskar

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Scenes from Williamsport, Pa., during the 2019 Little League World Series.



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River Ridge, Louisiana's Alton Shorts, River Ridge, Louisiana's Stan Wiltz, Ryder Planchard and Derek DeLatte carry the championship banner around the stadium as they celebrate the win against Curacao in the Little League World Series Championship game in South Williamsport, Pa., Sunday. Credit: AP/Tom E. Puskar

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River Ridge, Louisiana's Alton Shorts, River Ridge, Louisiana's Stan Wiltz, Ryder Planchard and Derek DeLatte carry the championship banner around the stadium as they celebrate the 8-0 win against Curacao in the Little League World Series Championship game in South Williamsport, Pa., Sunday.



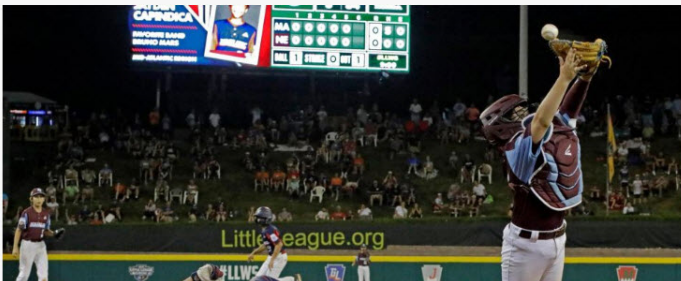
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River Ridge, Louisiana's Peyton Spadoni (6) celebrates a 8-0 win over Curacao in the Little League World Series Championship game in South Williamsport, Pa., Sunday.



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Elizabeth, New Jersey's Sal Garcia (6) scores as the throw gets past Barrington, Rhode Island catcher Christopher Promades during the sixth inning of an elimination baseball game at the Little League World Series tournament in South Williamsport, Pa., Tuesday. New Jersey won 2-0.

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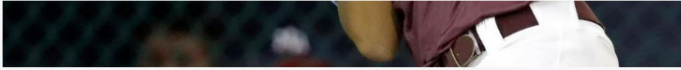


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Barrington, Rhode Island's centerfielder Alex Anderson makes a diving attempt on a base hit by Elizabeth, New Jersey's Justin Labrador during the second inning of a baseball game at the Little League World Series tournament in South Williamsport, Pa., Tuesday.







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Barrington, R.I.'s Miles Fontaine is hit by a pitch from Elizabeth, N.J.'s Derek Escobar during the fourth inning of a baseball game at the Little League World Series in South Williamsport, Pa., Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2019.



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Venezuela's Eduar Pinto (3) crouches as he bats against Curacao during the fourth inning of a baseball game at the Little League World Series tournament in South Williamsport, Pa., Tuesday. He drew a walk on the at bat.



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South Riding, Virginia's Brady Yates (15) hits a two-run home run off Barrington, R.I.'s Alex Anderson during the fifth inning of a baseball game at the Little League World Series tournament in South Williamsport, Pa., Friday, Aug. 16, 2019. Virginia won 3-0.



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