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Staunton ousted from Babe Ruth Cal Ripken 12-under Southeastern Regional Tournament

State champion Glen Allen wins, 14-4



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STAUNTON — The hope of a trip to the 2009 Cal Ripken 12-under World Series ended on Saturday for both Matthews, West N.C. and host Staunton, as both bowed out of the double elimination Babe Ruth Cal Ripken Southeastern Regional Tournament on May Field in Gypsy Hill Park.



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Staunton's Casey Taylor fails to tag out Glen Allen's Brett Ayer at third Friday during their Babe Ruth Cal Ripken 12-under Southeastern Regional Tournament game. Staunton lost the game, and was eliminated from the tournament. (Pat Jarrett/The News Leader)

TODAY'S GAMES

10 a.m.: Glen Allen, Va. vs. Cookeville, Tenn.
12:30 p.m.: South Daytona, S. Fla. vs. Gaffney, S.C.
3 p.m.: Jefferson County, North Fla. vs. New Bern, East N.C.
5:30 p.m.: Rainbow City, Ala. vs. Nassau, Bahamas

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Entering today's play, four teams remain unbeaten in the 10-team field, while four others have one loss.

Staunton was ousted by Virginia state champion Glen Allen, 14-4.

Eric Neiman's home run capped a three run-outburst by Glen Allen in the top of the first, and it never trailed.

Matt Woods' solo homer to left field in the bottom of the inning cut the deficit to 3-1, but Glen Allen pulled away for good in a seven-run second inning that featured doubles by Matthew Kennedy, Matthew James, Brett Ayer and a home run by Blake King.

Staunton cut the deficit to 10-2 in the bottom of the inning when Brian Doyle reached on an error and scored.

Then in the bottom of the third, after Glen Allen added a run in the top of the inning, Tripp Baber lined a homer over the center field fence for Staunton's third run. Woods walked and scored on a wild pitch in the fifth to close out the home team's scoring.

At the conclusion of play for Staunton in the tournament, Doyle was named its selection on the all-tournament team.

Matthews from West N.C. also was eliminated, dropping an 11-1 decision to Gaffney, S.C.

Gaffney broke to a 4-0 lead in the first, and increased it to 7-1 in the second with Bobby Foos hitting a home run in that inning. A solo run in the third, and three more in the fourth which included a home run by Dylan Stepp closed out Gaffney's scoring.

Timmy Rutkowski, who was his team's selection to the all-tournament squad, homered for West N.C.'s only run.

New Bern, East N.C. entered tournament competition Saturday morning with an 8-2 win over Cookeville, Tenn.

The game was 1-1 heading into the fourth inning when Cookeville's Ryan Lafever doubled to right and scored on a ground single by Mason Stevens for a 2-1 lead.

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But that didn't last long a New Bern sent 10 batters to the plate in a six-run fifth.

Garrett Young's two-run home run over the center field fence started the rally.

Rainbow City, Ala. remained unbeaten in the tournament, defeating South Daytona, Fla. 5-2.

South Daytona led 1-0 on an unearned run until Rainbow City took command with a four-run third inning that included a single by Brock Love and a sacrifice fly by Holt Keeling.

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