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9U Elite 32 USSSA World Series

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Orlando, FL - On Saturday, August 4, 2012, 32 of the top 9U travel baseball convened at the Wide World of Sports in Disney. They traded pins, took pictures and prepared to compete for the mythical National Championship. All 32 teams had to either win a Super Elite NIT tournament or garner an invite based on their record. These teams had been preparing for this tourney all year, only the best of the best from states all across the continental USA. Finally a chance to compare teams from different geographical areas to see just how they compete against each other.

The tourney started out on fire with one of the top teams from California, the San Diego Show, matched up against the USSSA #1 ranked Alabama Elite in one of the first pool play games and the Show edged out a 9-7 victory. The newly formed Team Florida beat the top ten ranked Yalobusha Giants from Mississippi. The TBS National champion Team Avalanche from Florida was tied by the top ten ranked So Cal Outlaw Elites from California. The Oakley Stingrays from California battled the very tough Team MVP from Florida tooth and nail until the Stingrays pulled away in the last inning. And all of this was just in the first pool games played.

After pool play eight teams emerged with a perfect 3-0 record, the Atlanta Angels, the Dallas Tigers Polk. the Team Citirus Bernal, the Oakley Stingrays, Team Florida, Bulldog Baseball, the SBA Canes Black and the San Diego Show. In bracket play the Oakley Stingrays defeated the Alabama Elite, Team Florida and Team MVP to reach the final four. Team Citius Bernal defeated the West Florida Thunder, the Meteors, and the Yalobusha Giants twice to get to the final four. Team Avalanche advanced to the final four by defeating the Ga. Yard Dogs, the SBA Canes Black and the Dallas Tigers Polk three times. And the San Diego Show defeated the Des Moines Yankees, the Atlanta Angels and the So Cal Outlaw Elites twice to get to the final four.

In the first semi final the San Diego Show used a stingy defense, timely hitting and a great pitching performance from the crafty left hander #7 to defeat the Oakley Stingrays 3-0. The Show had outstanding pitching through out the entire tournament. The southpaw pitched a complete game six innings, striking out seven, not walking any and only allowing two hits to the very formidable Stingray lineup.

In the other semifinal the Team Avalanche used a big fourth inning to edge the very tough Team Citius Bernal 7-5 to advance to the championship game. The Team Avalanche had also used an airtight defense, great pitching and timely hitting to advance through the tourney.

In the Championship game the San Diego Show held the Team Avalanche scoreless in the first and scored four runs in the bottom of the first on the way to defeating the Avalanche 8-2 and winning the 9U Disney's Elite 32 Super World Series Championship. The San Diego Show went a perfect 9-0 through an arduous schedule. The California teams dominated the Elites going a combined 22-3-1, with all of the losses coming against other California teams. (So Cal and Team Avalanche tied in pool play.)

Congratulations to the San Diego Show for their very impressive Elite World Series Championship.