

AA Brewers: Off to a Great Start

The 2018 baseball season is off to a great start for the AA Brewers. With a 3-1 record, the team has been having fun and playing some great baseball. Coaches Eddie, Josh, and Marc have ensured the team is working hard, playing hard, and learning some new baseball skills. The team has started to gel and can be heard cheering hard for each other from the dugout and supporting each other in the field.

Number 5 Mabel, a 3rd grader at Oxford Elementary School, started the opening game against the Cardinals off right with a “3 up, 3 down” pitching outing her first time on the mound. When asked what she loves about baseball, Mabel responded that she “just loves playing the game.” The Brewers went on to win their opening game in a tight 11-10 finish.

In the second game of the season, we got our first look at more strong pitchers. With a total of four Ks, Ethan, #9, held the Rockies scoreless for 2 innings, twice battling out of a bases-loaded situations. Ethan is a 3rd grader at YuMing Charter School and he loves playing shortstop and first base. Luke, a 3rd grader at Cornell Elementary School also got four Ks in his pitching debut. Luke wears jersey #10 for the Brewers and he loves hitting! The Brewers won their second game – a bit of a pitcher’s duel – 4-2.

The season’s third game for the Brewers came the very next day. The lack of rest didn’t seem to affect the Brewers, who won the game 12-10. Jefferson third grader Gabriel, who loves diving and getting dirty, had a great game at bat and on the mound. Pitching ace Gabriel, #6, hit a big single and pitched for 2 scoreless innings against the Rangers, earing 6 Ks. Number 2 Tyler also sent the ball flying for a single. A second-grader at Cragmont, Tyler loves pitching, hitting, and big-league player Coco Crisp; like his baseball idol, Tyler hustled around the base paths and made it home to score. Another Cragmont Dragon, 4th grader Hugh scored the go-ahead run in the final inning of the game. Eagle-eyed Hugh, who loves batting and playing first base, turned a walk into a score, racing around the bases in his #1 jersey. Marin Elementary 3rd grader Nate, who wears #3 and loves playing first base, had a great game as well with 2 RBI singles. He also had a great inning on the mound with 2 Ks and a ground-out. Another big bat for the Brewers, Oxford 3rd grader Ezmond, in jersey #4, has had some great at-bats this season, including a big single against the Rangers, which advanced 2 runners. Ezmond’s favorite thing about baseball is running the bases and it shows – when he gets on base, watch out, because he’s coming home!

The Brewers’ only loss so far this season came in a rainy evening game at the hands of a strong Rays team. Despite being down five players, the Brewers hung in there and refused to give up. Marin fourth grader Theo saved the day, hustling to the field after an all-day school trip to Sacramento, giving the Brewers enough players to take the field. Theo, #8, loves batting, but on that rainy evening, Theo shone at catcher, protecting the plate and preventing runs when wet balls got away from the pitcher. The rain also didn’t faze fellow Marin Dolphin, 3rd grader William, who loves batting. Number 11 William had a good day in the field, getting an out at 3rd base, and he also beat the throw home to score after getting on base on a walk. Josh, another

Marin 3rd grader, also had a great game at the plate. Josh, who loves playing second base and wears jersey #7, hit a single and poured on the speed as his teammates were batting, making his way home to score a much-needed run.

It's been a great season so far for the Brewers and here's to many more exciting and fun games coming up in the next months. Go Brew Crew!