

Aug. 11 NJ Little League State Tournament

Nottingham 11s need three straight wins to claim state championship

Aug. 11: The Nottingham Little League 11-year-old All-Stars are in a familiar position.

And one that doesn't scare them.

Nottingham was dropped into the loser's bracket tonight with a 15-6 loss to Par-Troy East in the New Jersey Little League State Tournament in Edgewater.

Nottingham must defeat South Vineland in tonight's loser's bracket finals, then beat Par-Troy East two times to win the state title.

It was the exact same scenario they faced in the Section 3 Tournament, and Nottingham reeled off three straight to claim that title.

"We just couldn't put all of the pieces together tonight," manager Mark "The Webmaster" Sacco said. "Now we have to battle back through the loser's bracket... we have been there before and ended up with the Section title".

Dom Chiarello went 2-for-4 with a home run to pace the Nottingham attack.

The Sayen Gang actually took a 3-0 lead in the top of the third before Par-Troy tallied six in the bottom of the third and three in the fourth. Nottingham cut it to 9-6 before P-T put it away with a six-run fifth.

Chris Cote showed good command, as he threw strikes on 37 of his 59 pitches. Cote struck out six and walked three for Nottingham. Cote, Tristan Spadola and Will Cocroft each had RBI hits in the three-run fifth.