

MURFREESBORO LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL



KP MINOR REPORT--- Regular Season Championship--- May 26, 2026

KP MN Regular Season Championship Game

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**Throwing out the 1st pitch was 2025
Intermediate State Champion and
Southeast Regional Finalist,
Eli Goodman!**

Dodgers.....5
Braves.....3

Dodgers are 2026 Regular Season Champs!

1st inning- Fletcher Hull started on the mound for the Braves with Luke Thomason catching. Spencer Imamura singled to left field. Imamura took 2nd base on a wild pitch. Shug Cope walked. Dylan Whitney's hit misplayed at shortstop and rolled into center field, 2 runs scored with Whitney ending up on 2nd base. Whitney took 3rd base on a wild pitch. Roman Blackwood's hit to 2nd base was misplayed, safe at 1st base and Whitney scored. Tuck East liner to shortstop caught for an out. Blackwood stole 2nd base. KJ Sauls walked. Landon Roberts hit to 3rd base for force out, throw to 2nd base went into right field, runners advanced to 2nd and 3rd bases on the play. Strikeout. 3-0.

Dylan Whitney started on the mound for the Dodgers with Shug Cope catching. Finn McGlone walked. Porter Richardson walked. Thomason hit a fly ball to short centerfield that was caught by a charging Zoe Smith for a highlight reel play. Strikeout. McGlone stole 3rd base. Tillman Kelley walked to load the bases. Knox Brewer hit a ball to the 2nd baseman Sauls who scooped it up and tossed to shortstop East for a force out. 3-0.

2nd inning- Hull continued on the mound for the Braves with Thomason catching. Strikeout. Jack Odbert walked. Hull and Thomason position switch--- Hull to catcher and Thomason to the mound. Odbert stole 2nd base. Levi Anderson

walked. Strikeout. Runners advanced to 2nd and 3rd bases on a wild pitch. Strikeout. 3-0.

Whitney continued on the mound for the Dodgers with Cope catching. Strikeout. Strikeout. Strikeout. 3-0.

3rd inning- Thomason continued on the mound for the Braves with Hull catching. Whitney hard hit single to left field. Blackwood fly out to 1st baseman Richardson. East ground out to shortstop Brewer, Whitney advancing to 2nd base on the play. Sauls pop out to 1st baseman Richardson. 3-0.

Whitney continued on the mound for the Dodgers with Cope catching. Strikeout. McGlone grounder to Whitney who tossed to 1st baseman Imamura for an out. Richardson hit a slow roller up the middle that shortstop East made a nice play on, firing the ball to 1st base for an out to end the inning. 3-0.

4th inning- Thomason continued on the mound for the Braves with Hull catching. Roberts walked. Roberts stole 2nd base. Strikeout. Gabriel Yarbrough walked. Both runners advanced a base on a wild pitch. Odbert walked to load the bases. Strikeout. Imamura line drive caught by 2nd baseman McGlone.

Whitney continued on the mound for the Dodgers with Cope catching. Thomason base hit to right field. Hull hit into a fielder's choice to shortstop East who tossed to the 2nd baseman Sauls for a force out. Kelley walked. Brewer hard hit grounder up the middle fielded by East who stepped on 2nd base for the force out. Walsh hit a grounder to the 2nd baseman Sauls who tossed the ball to East for the force out at 2nd base. 3-0.

5th inning- Thomason continued on the mound with Hull catching. Cope smashed a liner to center field for a single. Whitney hit an infield pop fly that fell for a hit between shortstop and pitcher, Cope advanced to 2nd base. Blackwood pop fly caught by pitcher Thomason. Richardson entered in relief for pitcher Thomason, Thomason to 1st base. East hit a hard shot that got under the

3rd baseman's glove, 1 run scored, runners advanced to 2nd and 3rd bases. Strikeout. Passed ball, Whitney scored. Strikeout. 5-0.

Whitney continued on the mound for the Dodgers with Cope catching. Clive Branch singled to right field. Stafford singled to left field. East entered in relief for pitcher Whitney. Strikeout. McGlone base hit to right field scoring Branch on a close play at the plate. Richardson grounder to the 3rd baseman Whitney who stepped on the bag for a force out at 3rd base. Thomason grounder to the 3rd baseman Whitney who opted to go for the tag out of the runner enroute to 3rd base. Umpires ruled McGlone crossed home plate for a score before the tag was made to end the inning. 5-2.

6th inning- Richardson continued on the mound for the Braves with Hull catching. Strikeout. Strikeout. Strikeout. 5-2.

East continued on the mound for the Dodgers with Cope catching. Hull hit an infield pop out. Strikeout. Brewer hit a line drive to right center field. Walsh belted a double down the left field line scoring Brewer. Branch was hit by a pitch. East notched a strikeout to quell the rally and end the game!

Dodgers Coach Erick Blackwood commented after the game, "I am incredibly proud of our team! They have worked tirelessly throughout the year and their efforts paid off. Winning a championship is undoubtedly a significant reward for their hard work. Let's hope they continue to chance this feeling. Witnessing their growth as young men and their ability to lean on each other is an even bigger reward as their coach. They are fun, talented, goofy at times, and all great kids. It's been a fun season!"



Arriving to Starplex anecdote- This writer arrived to the park with my two oldest sons who were helping with scoreboard and announcing duties. My son Bryan was home from college and as we passed by Field 5 I asked him if he remembered the time he came up short on a slide. He answered with a smile that he did. Bryan had hit a liner to the outfield fence and was flying around the bases for an inside the park home run when he dove head first to home plate. Like I mentioned, he came up short--- by a foot or more. A hush fell over the crowd before Bryan started to freestyle swim through the dirt, even turning to take breaths like he was traveling the last leg through water. The crowd erupted in laughter. His brother Cliff remembered the moment and said, "Dad, you were so mad!" I was then. "Well," I turned to my sons and said, "It's a fun memory now."