

West Linn's 12A All-Star baseball team traveled to Redmond over the holiday weekend and received contributions throughout the lineup in a successful start to the travel ball season.

Coached by Ray Pearson, Rob Cosner, Jamey McDonald and Rick Ferrario, the Lions, consisting of four seventh graders, seven sixth graders and a fifth grader, made it look easy at the 17th Annual Chuck Bafaro Memorial Day Tournament despite not having practiced as a team beforehand. West Linn used strong hitting from the top of its lineup, clutch pitching and sound defense to rout teams from Scappoose, Redmond, Reedville and Canby. The Lions tied Lakeridge, 6-6, in their opening game.

After blasting three homers in its first four games, West Linn slammed four long balls, two by Sam Brown, in closing the tournament Monday with a 13-5 win over Scappoose. Expect the power-packed Lions to go deep often this summer.

Chase Cosner led the offensive attack all weekend from the three-hole in the order while hard-throwing Daniel Ferrario showed why he is the ace of a very deep staff.

Be sure to follow your Lions all summer long! Team members include Koby Pearson, Grant McDonald, Brett Hazel, Brayden Pene, Will Matthiessen, Brooks DeBisschop, Tate Hoffman, Alex Hepburn, Tim Tawa, Brown, Cosner and Ferrario.