



Monday, June 24:

Southborough Repeats as 495 Champs

After finishing the regular season at 10-1-2, the Southboro 14 year olds were favored to win their second 495 championship in a row!

With expectation comes pressure , but these kids as always handled it with composure and an expectation that they would prevail!

After winning a couple of close playoff games (3-0 vs Northboro, 5-3 Marlboro Gold) , the boys were then hit with a 10 day layoff as they waited for the other teams to compete in the double elimination tournament.

Finally on Friday night, the skies cleared enough to play the final vs Marlboro Orange (a team they had split with during the season and tied) .

As expected the boys were a little rusty in the early innings, trailing 1-0 through 3 innings. Backed by the brilliant pitching of **Will Thrun** and defense of **Owen Lyons**, the boys kept it close until they could strike.

After a hustling single by **Jack Gerulskis**, he managed to come around to tie the game 1-1. Then in the 5th inning, the offense returned! **Matt Paglia, Angel Aponte, Ryan Barry, Jake Kea, Nate Cooley, Mike Scorzelli, and Nick Libby** all contributed to the offensive explosion as Southborough plated 5 runs to take a lead heading into the 6th. Adding another 2 in the sixth on mental mistakes by Marlboro, the boys took a commanding lead into the top of the 7th. **Dylan Shea** came into finish it off with his battery mate **Dustin Branson**. After a pickoff at first, a strike out, and grounder back to the pitcher, Southborough had secured their second straight championship .

Coaches Shea, Gerulskis, Sarno, Officer, Scorzelli, and Cooley want to congratulate all the boys for a fantastic two year record of 27-4-2, two championships, and a great reunion year of all the Southboro kids who have played in this age group. They all started playing together when they were the young age of **bat boy Extraordinaire and spiritual leader Dominic Sarno J** They finished off their pre-high school baseball careers in style!!!