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Lafayette Little League Angels Win 1st Round at Tournament of Champions

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District 4 Tournament of Champions, Majors Division

Lafayette Angels 12

North Oakland Tigers 4

The Angels represented Lafayette Little League well in their first round of the Tournament of Champions. Playing on their home field, the Halos gave the Tigers, champions of North Oakland Little League, a taste of what their Lafayette opponents had been dealing with all year. The Angels jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first on singles by Tommy Nimura and Grant Young, only to see the Tigers tie it in the bottom of the inning. The Angels added another in the fourth on a double and eventual steal of home by Max Flower, then extended their lead in the 5th with two unearned runs by the hustling Sean Heiskell and Josh Goodell. The momentum turned briefly in the fifth, as North Oakland tied it with three in the bottom of the inning, but the Angels broke it open in the sixth. Five straight walks, followed by hits by Andrew McKendell, Grant Young, Flower and Doug Nimura keyed the big inning. Angel hurlers Doug Nimura, Jack Stryker, Max Flower and Cole Gallagher allowed only six hits while walking two.

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